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APIA GO FOR JOE

BY DAVID JACK

LEICHHARDT APIA are poised to move in with a transfer bid for Joe Senkalski of Newcastle Rosebud United.

Senkalski said last week that he was ready to quit his home town of Newcastle to join a Sydney club.

Although the talented midfielder does not want to leave Newcastle, he believes he must if he is to have any international future.

Senkalski told the "Sydney Sun" that loyalty to his home town was affecting his football career.

"It is obvious I cannot better myself while I play in Newcastle," he told the Sydney newspaper.

He also stated he had already had two offers from Sydney teams.

"St George made me an offer after we beat them; another club, near the top of the table, has been in touch with me several

times. "If I make a switch, that is the club I shall probably join."

Frank Shisa, LeicHHardt's general manager, confirmed that his club would be in the bidding if Senkalski is available.

"In fact, Joe actually agreed to join Apia several years ago and signed a form when I was club sec-

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DEATH THREAT FOR YANKOS!

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

CHARLIE YANKOS, Heidelberg's Soccerroo defender, received a death threat a few days ago . . . before his club's vital National League match against Melbourne Croatia.

He is the second Australian international player to be threatened in this way in the past few weeks.

Soccerroo captain John Kosmina was warned that his life would be in danger if he played for Sydney City against South Melbourne at Middle Park.

There are vital differences in the two death threat cases, though.

Unlike Sydney City, Heidelberg decided not to publicise the threat made against Yankos — and that is why the news surfaced only yesterday.

Sam Gouloupoulos, Heidelberg's president told AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY: "We avoided making any statement before the match because we wanted to avoid problems with players and supporters."

"Melbourne Croatia had nothing to do with it," added Gouloupoulos.

Before the match, Heidelberg players were kept together and had a pre-match lunch at the President Motor Inn —



CHARLIE YANKOS

rather than going their own way to Olympic Park.

They travelled to the ground by coach and returned in the coach to the hotel.

Heidelberg told the police about the death threat and there was police protection for all the players at the match.

Following the apparent success of the threat made against John Kosmina — he was pulled out of Slickers team for the South match — it is no surprise that this sickening business has now been repeated.

Heidelberg did the right thing in not publicising the Yankos threat. The unbalanced people who make such threats would soon tire of the habit if there was nothing in the media about their actions.

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ASW HELPS THE GIRLS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA's international women's Soccer squad has received valuable sponsorship for its tour to Taiwan in late November to contest the unofficial women's World Cup.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY completed negotiations with the Mitre company to secure this sponsorship.

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RIGHT: KERRY MILLMAN, South Queensland midfielder and Australian International left-back, is perfectly balanced to blast a shot at the target in the national women's titles at Hawker Oval, Canberra.

ASW has a full report of the titles on Page 18.



EDITORIAL

THE next few weeks will be of vital consequence to the future of the National Soccer League.

A series of meetings is planned involving the NSL management, the NSL clubs, State Federations and the Australian Soccer Federation.

It will take almost a super-human effort from all parties to knock the ailing NSL into shape.

Some 10 months ago, there were similar meetings to decide the format of the National League for 1984.

It is now history that the format put forward and fully endorsed by all the clubs turned out to be something of a disaster.

The large increase in member clubs, from 16 to 24, was a backward step.

There is no way the thin layer of talent in this country can be spread among so many teams. While the giants of the competition, Sydney City and South Melbourne for instance, were able to field teams of acceptable quality, some of the struggling clubs reached a wholly unacceptable standard.

Such clubs would be battling for success in State Leagues, never mind joining the elite in a national competition.

In addition to the problem of having too many NSL teams, there were even more serious problems handicapping the 1984 NSL.

The novel idea of the inter and intra-conference challenge matches fell flat on its face, mainly because Soccer fans like the normal home and away system in which a team's opponents are known right from the start.

Fans did not take to "mystery"

opposition being decided every few weeks and they demonstrated an alarming and costly lack of interest in interstate visiting sides.

Another most off-putting innovation was the draw which crippled the finances of several clubs which were forced to play away from home five or six times in succession.

All this does not make cheerful reading, but if the mistakes of the past are to be avoided in the next few weeks, errors must be spotlighted.

Several plans have been bandied around for the 1985 NSL and, indeed, even for the NSL in 1986.

The most popular scheme is to retain the top-heavy 24-team competition; to make it more acceptable geographically, the Brisbane clubs would join those from New South Wales in the northern division.

Thus, there would be no major change in the set-up from 1984 to

1985.

In 1986, though, there could be a very big change. The proposal is for the top six teams in each division in 1985 to form a new National League first division — regardless of geographical considerations — while the rest would be banished to some sort of second division.

Until the rulers of the NSL reveal their firm future plans to the media — rather than relying on inspired leaks to prompt public debate — it would be unfair for AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY to comment at length on where National League Soccer is heading in the future.

But ASW feels entitled to plead to the clubs, and to everyone concerned, not to repeat the mistakes that were made almost one year ago.

Good will come out of bad if, as a result of the 1984 headaches, there is intelligent planning for 1985 and 1986.

HAS IT BEEN A SUCCESS?

HAS this year's revamped National Soccer League been a success?

That's a question which has to be answered by officials in the next couple of weeks.

Many supporters of Soccer are quick to criticise changes that haven't been a success.

This year the crowds have dropped drastically — particularly in Sydney. It's a pity Soccer doesn't receive the same exposure as Rugby League, Rugby Union and Sydney's "new" sport, Aussie Rules.

Let's remember there are only about five countries playing Rugby League at international level — with Australia rated the best in the world.

Australian Rugby League players Wally Lewis, Wayne Pearce and Kerry Boustead are rated the best in the world.

Only a couple of Soccer players in Australia would get a mention in the European scene, let alone the world.

John Kosmina and Alan Davidson would be able to secure a contract in Europe and youngsters like Frank Farina and Peter Ras-kopoulos could probably also fit into that category.

The difference between League and Soccer is massive. Internationally, more

than 160 countries play Soccer.

It is this point that is consistently overlooked by people who oppose Soccer.

On the home front, the quality of the grounds has deteriorated and some of the promoted team's playing pitches have been disappointing.

I think the standard, and the interest of some players, have dropped considerably.

Remember the finish to last year's competition? You couldn't have asked for a better conclusion to a season.

Maybe we should have persisted with three points for a win.

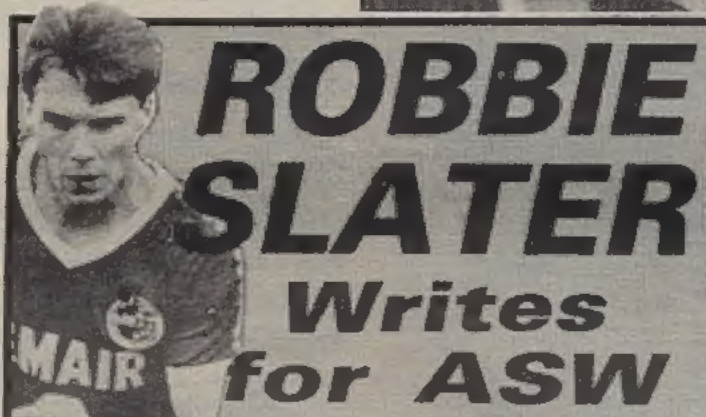
When you play against some teams up to four times a year and twice in two weeks, it is hard to understand.

Recently, Marconi played Sydney Olympic twice in succession and Leichhardt Apia faced Sydney City twice in three weeks.

The biggest and most obvious reason for the change in format this year was to reduce costs. It was costing a fortune for clubs to fly to Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne from Sydney

Sure, clubs have saved money this year but on the other hand this saving is lost when small crowds filter through the turnstiles.

Maybe it's too early to judge this year's altered competition but officials face a difficult decision deciding on the future in the next few weeks.



ROBBIE SLATER
Writes
for ASW

ABOVE: FRANK FARINA, an Australian who could win a contract in Europe.



PACKED crowd at last year's NSW Rugby League Grand Final.

TRANSPORT IS A PROBLEM

ONE of the biggest reasons why Rugby League is followed closely by youngsters is the easy accessibility to transport.

It's important to remember that the 13 to 17 age group find it difficult to travel to a Soccer ground without transport.

Without the support of parents, they cannot travel to games. In the case of Rugby League it's a different story. Teenagers represent at least 50 per cent of the crowd at most games.

Youngsters find no difficulty travelling to Sydney's League grounds like Belmore Sports Ground, Lidcombe Oval and Redfern Oval. They are close to rail and bus lines.

How do youngsters get to Soccer grounds like King Tomislav Park, Marconi Stadium, Cook Park, St George Stadium and Henson Park?

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DODGY CROWDS

I HAVE followed Australian Soccer all my life without any complaints, but one thing that really irritates me is when I read the papers after Sunday NSL rounds with incorrect crowd attendances.

Australian Soccer over the years has survived and improved simply because of the support of the people who attend games during weekends. I feel that the newspapers owe it to the fans to provide them with correct information.

I have followed closely the given attendances for the last three NSL rounds in three papers — THE AUSTRALIAN, SOCCER ACTION and AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY. Below are examples to prove my point.

In Round 17, The Australian printed West Adelaide's home gate was 800. Soccer Action printed 650. ASW wrote 800 but their match reporter wrote 1,076.

In the same round, the attendance at Middle Park for South Melbourne's home game was 2,500, but ASW's match reporter wrote 3,500.

Brunswick's home match also had "various" crowd figures. The Australian printed 500.

Soccer Action printed 1,011. ASW printed 500 but its match reporter wrote 1,000.

Still in round 17, Sydney Croatia's home attendance was 2,420 according to The Australian and ASW but ASW's match reporter wrote 2,402. Soccer Action did not give us any crowd figures. Does this mean nobody attended or was the game held behind closed doors?

In Canberra, the crowd figure given by The Australian and Soccer Action was 960. ASW wrote 486.

In Wollongong, The Australian and Soccer Action wrote 900. ASW said it was 604. Who do we believe?

In round 18, the double-header attracted a crowd of 4,324 according to The Australian and ASW. Soccer Action disagreed and wrote 3,234. Who is correct?

Now can you see that these things irritate me not only week after week, but year after year?

MR CONCERNED,
Springvale, Vic.

CLUBS MUST WAKE UP

IT is no surprise that some of the NSL clubs are losing spectators.

How can you expect spectators to turn up when some clubs have not even any undercover seating except for the members yet they are charging full price?

The facilities of some clubs are way below standard.

One club hasn't even got toilets for a crowd over 300 spectators.

Spectators don't expect luxury, however we do expect decent facilities.

Also at the shop where food is bought, it takes so long you need to wait up to 25 minutes to get served. Who wants

to wait that long?

One club does not even bother giving other NSL scores during the game.

Also, during one recent NSL match, a player almost suffocated and there was not even a doctor or nurse in attendance.

To top it off, who wants to see boring Soccer week after week?

Some games are almost getting to the standard of Aussie Rules.

As a spectator, I say to you NSL clubs: "Wake up before it's too late."

R. PIERIN,
Brisbane, Qld.

'DAVO' JOINS FOREST



□ DEZ MARTON (left) pictured in Sunday's NSL win over Newcastle.

ALAN DAVIDSON, Australia's World Cup defender, was signed last night by English first division club, Nottingham Forest and will leave for England on November 16.

In a midnight call to Melbourne last night, Ron Fenton, Forest's assistant manager, offered Davidson a three year contract to play with the club that finished in third position last season in the English first division.

Fenton sighted Davidson in the recent World Soccer Series in which Forest participated.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER The Nottingham Forest

WEEKLY negotiated with Forest on behalf of Davidson while Fenton was here with his team.

Davidson, after many weeks of deliberation, accepted the terms and agreed to sign for three years.

He will be the third Australian player to make England's top division — the toughest league in the world.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

contract will be in Davidson's hands by tomorrow (Wednesday).

In a dramatic call to Australia's coach, Frank Arok, Davidson informed him that he would be pulling out of the world touring side in November.

Arok now has lost his best player in his preparations for the 1986 World Cup, a drastic setback for Australia.

Meanwhile, Forest's manager, Brian Clough, is reported to be most unhappy with both of his full-



backs (Kenny Swain and Bryan Gunn), and when Davidson informed the English club that he is equally at ease at either left or right back, Forest put added pressure on the Australian defender to sign.

VETERAN SAINT IS UNDECIDED

BY BRAD EARL

DEVASTATING St George striker Dez Marton, at 36, is undecided about his future.

Marton, who missed several NSL matches through injury this year, played his second full game back in the Saints line-up on Sunday.

And it was Dez Marton at his best, scoring two goals and showing off his tremendous skills.

That was despite the fact that he had crawled out of a

sick bed to play.

"I will have to think about my future at the end of the season," Marton said. "Of course, it will also depend on what the club want."

"I am still enjoying playing, and I think I can help the kids in the team."

Marton arrived in Australia in 1981 from Yugoslavia, and won the Rothmans Medal in his first season with St George in State League.

His goalscoring touch over the next few weeks will play a big part in deciding whether Saints escape relegation.

MORE LIKE BOXING THAN

DRAMA spilled over into the dressing room at half-time and full-time of Brisbane Lions action-packed 2-1 win over Brunswick Juventus at Richlands.

Players had to be separated by officials at the end of each half after a heated and spiteful game.

At half-time, Lions officials alleged a Brunswick player attempted to kick Lions winger Jim McDonagh.

BY GREG RUSSELL

They claimed the player then attempted to throw a punch but missed, and struck Lions full-back Steve Jackson on the back of the head, when a scuffle broke out.

Then during the second half, a small fight broke out between Juventus' captain Brian Brown and Lions' Alan Hunter amid a cluster of players pushing.

After the game, Lions officials alleged Socceroo squad member Richard Miranda waited at the end of the players' tunnel to front former Youth Socceroo Russell Stewart.

Lions intend submitting a report to the NSL on all incidents.

Brisbane referee Alan Kibbler said he too was likely to submit a report.

NO NEW COACH

BRISBANE CITY will not appoint a new coach for the remainder of the season following the shock resignation of Joe Gilroy.

Gilroy, a high school teacher, said he had stepped down because of work and family reasons.

The City team will be coached and selected for the remaining five weeks of the season by club vice-president Vince Calice, secretary John Ponturo and team manager Giorgio Pastorini.

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ROZIC BANNED

REPORTS KEITH GILMOUR

AFTER twice notifying the Australian Soccer Federation that Hajduk Split defender Vedran Rozic would be free to be registered by Sydney Croatia, the Yugoslav Football Federation has done a double back flip.

In a black passage in international sports relations, the YFF advised Australia that the "player is playing without release... therefore would you kindly suspend him."

Not only that, in another recent telex the YFF contended: "We consider him not to be cleared only by means of telexes that were conditional."

If there is anything conditional about the original telexes it escapes me. In fact the most obvious point is that there were no conditions imposed whatsoever!

The loss to Sydney Croatia was severe when this fine player was suspended by the ASF. In his six games Croatia was undefeated, but they lost 0-1 to Penrith on Sunday.

Croatia secretary Peter Lucanic said: "The ASF has appealed to FIFA for a

decision in view of the telexed clearances. "We believe that he should have been allowed to play pending the FIFA reply."

The ASF at least has tried to do the right thing.

Secretary Brian Emery has written to the Yugoslav Federation, pointing out that any thought that a Hajduk request for him not to be cleared is out of order.

The letter stated: "You should not give an international clearance if you do not have a clearance from your club."

Now the ASF must wait on a FIFA decision. No matter what happens, FIFA must come down on the Yugoslavs for their obvious lack of professionalism in dealing with the matter of a player whom they notified could play in this country.

APIA GO FOR JOE

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retary," said Shisa.

"But he returned to Newcastle to discuss the deal with his father and changed his mind about playing for us."

Senkalski has been around for a long time but

he is still young enough, at 27, to make an impact at Socceroo level.

Indeed, he is at the ideal age and should be at his peak now.

He played for Sydney Olympic in the first year of

the National League (then the Philips League) but when Newcastle KB United were admitted in 1978, he was happy to return to his home town.

Senkalski has strong ties in Newcastle which could complicate his switch to a Sydney club.

He has just built a new house there and has a good job as a P.E. teacher at a private school.

Senkalski must now decide if these important considerations outweigh his desire to play for Australia in the World Cup.

One thing is certain... if he does take the plunge and moves south, Leichhardt Apia and St George will be very keen to recruit him.

And they will not be the only clubs in the bidding.

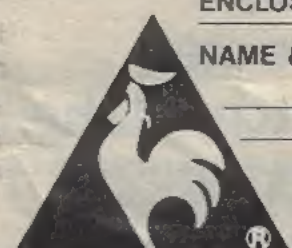
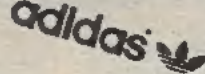


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ALL DRESSED UP SOMEWHERE TO GO!

A NUMBER of young Australians are on the threshold of what will be the start of a wonderful career in Soccer.

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BY TOM ANDERSON

This is the real stepping stone to a top football career.

For instance, the trail-blazers for Australia in the World Youth Cup and the start of this wonderful era were Rudi Gutendorf's youngsters in 1979 who won the Oceania zone in New Zealand and then went on to South America where they were eliminated in the final qualifying round by Paraguay.

In that brilliant young squad were today's stars such as Alan Davidson, Graham Jennings, Peter Tredinnick, Eddie Krncevic, Jeff Oliver, Greg Woodhouse, Peter Katholos, Paul Kay, George Christopoulos and Theo Selemidis to name a few.

Then came the 1981 squad with Steve Blair, Jim Patikas, Mark Koussas, Peter Raskopoulos, Oscar Crino, Howard Tredinnick, David Mitchell and Robert Wheatley among others all going on to bigger and bet-

ter things.

Of last year's squad that won its way through to the finals in Mexico were, David Lowe, Rod Brown, Tommy McCulloch, Tony Franken, Robbie Slater, Ray Vlietstra, Tony Dakos, Frank Farina and Russell Stewart who are all now well established and heading for stardom.



I may have missed a few names here and there but the above players are an outstanding example of the wonderful production line the World Youth Cup, its sponsors Coca-Cola and the ASF have created.

So often in the past in Soccer in Australia, there

has been a cry — more like a wail — that the main reason for youngsters dropping out of the game at ages around 16 or 17 was that they had nowhere to go, no target to aim for and there was no real incentive for them to make good.

This cry no longer holds water and cannot be accepted.

hard at their game.

In fact under the present set-up, our young players are very lucky indeed and should be thankful for the healthy situation brought into being by the ASF.

Over the years, ASF president Sir Arthur George and his executive have come under a great deal of criticism from many quarters for many various things.

But as far as fostering and taking care of our young players is concerned, these men have a record second to none and have to be congratulated.

Compared with other major winter sports in Australia, Soccer's youngsters are the elite — by the proverbial mile.

I've been in Australia for 22 years and I've yet to shake hands with an Aussie Rules international!

Also on the international front, Rugby Union and Rugby League can't hold a candle to Soccer's international set-up at youth level.

Over the years I've had the pleasure to travel with Australian youth teams overseas and have been proud to witness the glory the youngsters have brought this country.

Even more gratifying, I've seen them gain experience on foreign fields that only such participation can

bring.

In 1979 the participation in Paraguay and the warm-up in Rio de Janeiro was one of the best scholarships ever to be had in the game.

In 1981, the kids fought their way through to the quarter finals in a climate of big-time Soccer never before or since seen in Australia.

Then of course last year's glorious team really tasted the big-time in Mexico and playing in front of 110,000 at the Azteca Stadium really put the cream on the cake.

These youngsters were seasoned veterans on the international front before they reached Mexico, having had a hardened battle campaign in the final qualifying round in Costa Rica and having participated in the Joao Havelange tournament in Acapulco the year before.

Jet-set

In fact to say that these young Australians were members of the world sporting jet-set would be an understatement.

Now we have Jim Shoulder's squad who also have the world at their feet.

The nucleus of Shoulder's squad will be bound for Singapore in December and then maybe Mexico for the Havelange series.



□ PETER KATHOLOS: a 1979 youngster.

The finals of next year's World Youth Cup will be held in Chile and before then, if they qualify, there are certain to be other overseas jaunts to get them to their peak.

Although qualifying for any world final series is far from easy, it must be said that this time Jim Shoulder and his new squad have it easier than any before them.

Except the 1981 squad who automatically qualified as host nation.

So the onus is now on Jim to produce the goods and get the lads on the plane to Chile.

Shoulder has the talent at his disposal to achieve this and his preparation plans look very good. In

fact, the whole youth situation once again looks bright and healthy and given a bit of luck, which every successful team needs, our youths are once again on the glory trail.

I only hope the young players realise just how fortunate they are to have such a chance in life at the start of their young careers and fully appreciate the situation.

It is also to be hoped that the cry of "our kids have nowhere to go" is gone forever.

If places such as Acapulco, Singapore, Chile and other ports of call are "nowhere," I would like to be on that big jet-plane that is going "somewhere."

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GALLAGHER'S WARRIORS WANT CUP

BY BRAD EARL

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED may gain some compensation for a topsy-turvy season by winning the NSL Cup in a fortnight.

After their 2-0 semi-final victory over Leichhardt last week, United will be keen to repeat the dose against Melbourne Croatia in the final.

On their display against Leichhardt, Willie Gallagher's warriors will be in with a great chance of bringing a trophy back to Newcastle for the first time in the city's seven-year NSL career.

They never gave Leichhardt the opportunity to settle into the rhythm that had them in third place, with United players closing them down and putting in some ferocious tackles.

All eyes were on Joe Senkalski to see if he could change Frank Arok's mind and gain a late call-up to the national training squad.

And Senkalski did just that... turning in a great midfield performance and showing off his fine ball skills.

He won the battle in the middle of the park with Leichhardt's "general", Terry Butler, and it was as early as the third minute that Senkalski and Newcastle made their first breakthrough.

Senkalski won the ball from Butler, played a one-two with Simon Brandt and hit a shot that beat keeper Bobby Parks but was cleared off the line by Leichhardt defender Mark Brown.

The resulting corner, taken by Dean Milosevic, was headed in for the opening goal by tiny striker Derek Todd.

Leichhardt poured on the pressure, but the defence, led by Mike Boogaard and backed up by the excellent goalkeeping of Clint Gosling, was resolute.

After 37 minutes, Newcastle were two ahead, and once again it was Senkalski who played a key role in the build-up.

He lobbed the ball in towards Todd on the edge of

the area, but the Englishman was bowled over by Ian Gray, who played in defence in the first half.

Senkalski calmly hit the free-kick low around the wall, beating Parks for the second goal.

There was no more scoring after that, mainly due to some excellent keeping by Gosling and Parks. Both showed their ability to come off the line and narrow the angle in a one-on-one situation.

Senkalski made one bad mistake in the 64th minute, when a back-pass went straight to Kerry Caban, but Gosling stopped his low shot.

Leichhardt's task was made even harder when John Bradley was surprisingly substituted with half-an-hour to go and midfielder Peter Tredinnick was sent off in the 75th minute for a tackle off the ball on Brandt.

In the last five minutes, Senkalski made three strong runs into the Leichhardt box, but was twice denied goals by Parks, and then he set up Todd with an easy chance but he scooped the ball over the bar.

It was a deserved victory to a Newcastle team against an average Leichhardt.

"The players showed that when they knuckle down and believe in themselves, they can play to the standard of the best of them," Gallagher said.

LEICHHARDT: Parks; Bozanic, Brown, Pullen, Gray; de Ceglie, Butler, Tredinnick; Bradley (Genovese 60), Caban, Morsello.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling; Maier, Boogaard, Owens, Thompson; McQuarrie, Senkalski, Brandt, Allen (Jones 83); Milosevic, Todd.

REFEREE: T. Davies.
CROWD: 300 (approx).



□ WILLIE GALLAGHER

CROATIA'S BRILLIANT DISPLAY

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

MELBOURNE Croatia advanced to the final of the 1984 National Soccer League Cup, with a comfortable 1-0 win over Footscray.

The high-flying Croatia staged a brilliant performance, compensating their loyal supporters for their recent mediocre displays.

The score does not reflect the match, as Melbourne Croatia created numerous scoring opportunities that could have lifted the score to astronomical levels.

But forwards David Brogan and Tommy Cumming were not accurate in finishing.

Footscray were no match for their opposition at any stage of the game.

They are enjoying their highest position at this stage of the competition since the inception of the National Soccer League.

Disappointingly, controversy has constantly plagued Olympic — a club which has promised so much but produced so little.

This year it's a different story.

As Sydney Olympic president Jim Petinellis says: "Stability has been the key to success in all departments — whether it be coaching, playing or administration."

Through the years Olympic have had their fair share of coaches. Petinellis hastened to mention that this is the only year they haven't sacked a coach!

Last year Olympic's troubles continued but they finished the year on a high note.

After a disappointing start to the season, Olympic bounced back to take their first major title — the National Soccer League

Cup.

Ex-Socceroo Manfred Schaefer came out of the wilderness to take over Olympic coaching midway through the season after the hasty sacking of world-known Tommy Docherty.

Financial problems have confronted the club during recent years but Petinellis is confident it will not suffer similar problems in the future.

"People say we spent a lot of money and I make no secret of the fact.

"You must remember that a Soccer club will not succeed with reject and semi-retired players.

"Olympic have built for the future. People seem to overlook this," Petinellis added.

Olympic have a fine crop of youth and experience in their first grade squad.

The first XI is flooded with international talent.

Captain Peter Raschopoulos, striker Marshal Soper, midfielders Jimmy Patikas and Peter Katholos and defenders Graham Jennings and Tony Dakos have successfully represented Australia at youth and international levels.

Sydney Olympic have always figured prominently in the various youth league competitions. It is the junior talent coming through the ranks that impresses Petinellis.

"Our international representatives perform exceptionally well at club

level but don't forget there are some great youngsters coming through.

"Alex Lambropoulos, Chris Kalantzis and George Haniotis stand a good chance of making the Australian Youth team to contest next year's World Championship.

"These, and many other

juniors, are giving their very best for the club," Petinellis proudly added.

This season Olympic look assured of surpassing their previous best effort in the NSL.

Last year, after a disappointing start to the competition, they finished seventh.



□ GRAHAM JENNINGS (left) in the thick of the Socceroo defence against Manchester United in May.

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Former Derby County keeper Yakka Banovic, playing his first full game since he joined Croatia, denied Footscray their only opportunity to level the score, with a great save off Gary McDowell.

Croatia continued pounding Boland's sanctum until the end of the game but had to be content with a scoreline which did not reflect their superiority.

But they have a berth in the final in their first year in the NSL.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Banovic, P.Lewis, Curcio, Parton, Hannah, Biskic (Deanovic 78), Antolovic (Markovac 84), Campbell, Gojevic.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Hazabent, McDowell, Karic, Tansey, Belic, Carroll, Lachmanovic, O'Donnell (Tutil 83), Lujic, Paton (Caban 74).

REFEREE: S. Zoumas.
CROWD: 3,500.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
H'BERG	23	13	6	4	34	18	32	9	2	2	23	12	20	4	4	2	11	6	12		
STH MELB	23	14	3	6	39	18	31	6	3	2	20	6	15	8	0	4	19	12	16		
MELB CROATIA	23	11	7	5	34	25	29	7	4	2	18	10	18	4	3	3	16	15	11		
BRIS LIONS	23	10	4	9	34	32	24	6	3	3	20	16	15	4	1	6	14	16	9		
BRUNSWICK	23	10	4	9	26	35	24	5	2	3	13	14	12	5	2	6	13	21	12		
FOOTSCRAY	23	9	4	10	26	26	22	3	2	6	11	14	8	6	2	4	15	12	14		
GR GULLY	23	8	5	10	30	31	21	5	2	4	19	15	12	3	3	6	11	16	9		
PRESTON	23	8	4	11	37	33	20	5	3	4	26	14	13	3	1	7	11	19	7		
AD CITY	23	8	4	11	26	28	20	5	3	4	17	13	13	3	1	7	9	15	7		
BRIS CITY	23	8	4	11	16	28	20	3	3	6	6	11	9	5	1	5	10	17	11		
WEST AD	23	7	4	12	35	41	18	6	2	5	27	18	14	1	2	7	8	23	4		
SUNSHINE	23	4	6	13	19	46	14	2	4	5	8	10	8	2	2	8	11	36	6		

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

SYD CITY	23	15	6	2	56	17	36	7	2	1	31	10	16	8	4	1	25	7	20	6	4	2
OLYMPIC	23	12	7	4	47	24	31	6	3	2	25	13	15	6	4	2	22	11	16	4	5	3
LEICHHARDT	23	11	6	6	38	28	28	7	1	3	19	12	15	4	5	3	19	16	13	2	4	4
MARCONI	23	9	6	8	46	33	24	7	2	4	25	13	16	2	4	4	21	20	8	3	5	4
PENRITH	23	7	9	7	25	32	23	4	4	3	14	17	12	3	5	4	11	15	11	4	5	2
PARRA MELITA	23	7	8	8	21	26	22	3	3	6	10	16	9	4	5	2	11	10	13	4	1	6
BLACKTOWN	23	8	6	9	33	40	22	4	5	3	22	11	13	4	6	3	17	18	14	2	2	6
SYD CROATIA	23	6	8	9	32	34	20	4	6	3	20	15	14	2	2	6	12	19	6	4	1	7
ST GEORGE	23	9	1	13	36	33	19	5	0	6	19	12	10	4	1	7	17	21	9	2	2	9
CANBERRA	23	8	3	12	28	48	19	6	1	3	16	14	13	2	2	9	12	34	6	1	3	8
NEWCASTLE	23	4	4	15	15	49	12	3	1	7	9	19	7	1	3	8	6	30	5	2	2	8

RESULTS

• WOLLONGONG 0 CANBERRA 1 (Gaffney og) at Dapto. CROWD: 200.
 • SYDNEY CROATIA 0 PENRITH CITY 1 (Jackson) at Tomislav Park. CROWD: 2,852.
 • ST GEORGE 3 (Marton 2, Koczka) NEWCASTLE 0 at St George Stadium. CROWD: 815.
 • SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 (Kalantzis 2, Koussas, Katholos) MARCONI 2 (Mariani, Lowe) at Pratten Park. CROWD: 2,954.
 • SYDNEY CITY 2 (Gomez 2) LEICHHARDT 1 (Caban) at Sydney Athletic Field. CROWD: 1,269.
 • PARRA MELITA 0 BLACKTOWN 2 (McLaughlin, Sandy) at Melita Stadium. CROWD: 750.
 • WEST ADELAIDE 2 (Papadopoulos, Panagis) SUNSHINE 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. CROWD: 900.
 • PRESTON 2 (Lane, Lucchesi) ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Conner Reserve. CROWD: 1,500.
 • FOOTSCRAY 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 (Crino 2, Brown) at Schintler Reserve. CROWD: 3,500.
 • GREEN GULLY 2 (P Lewis 2) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Green Gully Reserve. CROWD: 600.
 • BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Anderson 2) BRUNSWICK 1 (Farrow og) at Richlands. CROWD: 1,183.
 • MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 HEIDELBERG 2 (Winn 2) at Olympic Park. CROWD 6,000.

TOP SCORERS

18 — Kosmina (SC)
 16 — D. Brown (SM)
 11 — Arnold (S. Cr)
 Winn (H)
 Lewis (GG)
 Katholos (SC)
 Lowe (M)
 10 — Bradley (L)
 9 — Cairney (BL)
 Patterson (H)
 R. Brown (M)
 Konstandopoulos (WA)
 Patikas (SO)
 Marton (SG)
 Farina (CA)
 8 — McCulloch (M)
 Brandt (NR)
 Jackson (PC)
 7 — Sweeney (BJ)
 Jankovics (M)
 Fletcher (SC)
 Egan (SM)
 Bryant (CA)
 Bryan (MC)
 Panagis (WA)

GEORGE CROSS GO DEEPER IN TROUBLE

BY TOM McKAIN

WEST ADELAIDE buried George Cross deeper into the relegation zone with a 2-0 win at Hindmarsh Stadium, a reversal of last week's scoreline in Melbourne.

And while John Kritikos, making his NSL debut for West, did not score, he covered enough ground and laid off enough first-time passes to merit a permanent spot in the attack.

After playing for three years in Greece, the 24-year-old striker has been battling to win an NSL berth.

It has now come with the ankle operation on George Konstandopoulos. Kritikos made the most of it against Cross who stay at the bottom of the table with 14 points while West goes to 18 points in 11th spot.

Kritikos appears as fast as, if not faster than, Konstandopoulos, and set up a second goal for John Panagis who had laid on the opening goal.

The match was only three minutes old when midfielder Panagis sent over a ball from the right on

the line and Steve Papadopoulos dived to head it home.

West sewed up the game in the 60th minute when Kritikos got into the box and struck a ball which came off a defender for Panagis to add the finishing touch.

But while it was a glory day for West after so many defeats, Cross also had stars and but for home goalkeeper Gary Sproul and some off-target shooting, the Victorians might have grabbed a draw.

Mike McGorian, before he had to come off in the 14th minute, looked dangerous and was unlucky with the header which just missed and as he fell, resulted in the shoulder injury which saw him taken off to hospital for X-rays.

Substitute Ion Pit came close, as did Ossie Latif and Bobby Toal.

Full-back Chris Taylor was a hero as he soldiered on in the second half with a heavily bandaged elbow and still managed to take the ball into West's territory.

For West, apart from Kritikos and Panagis, Tim Brown was outstanding in midfield as was skipper Graham Honeyman at centre-back, but all will have to star in the next two weeks with away games against Canberra and Heidelberg.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul; McGregor, Hiern, McGachey, Honeyman, Manou, Panagis, Brown, Papadopoulos, Kritikos, Malavazos.

GEORGE CROSS: Costello; Campbell, Seerri, O'Reilly, Taylor, MacLaren, Faulkner, Jovanovic, Toal, McGorian (Pit 14), Latif.

REFEREE: D. Campbell. CROWD: 900.



□ KAY AWAY: Sydney City midfielder Paul Kay evades Mark Brown's lunge in the Slickers' 2-1 victory.

SLICKERS ENJOY THEIR REST DAY

TOP team Sydney Slickers never got out of second gear when they made it third time lucky and a 2-1 win over Apia-Leichhardt at the Sydney Athletic Field.

In fact, it was a Slickers team that looked to be on a spell of "rest and recuperation" before they gear up for the top five playoff.

BY TOM ANDERSON

Slickers, with a comfortable five-point lead at the top of the competition, only went through the motions and were nowhere near their peak.

However, the result came their way which is the sign of a championship-winning team.

Slickers won this game with two goals from defender Gerry Gomez — both from corners from Joe Watson.

On both occasions Gomez was given the freedom of the park to head home — real naive defending from Apia.

Apia's goal came from

Kerry Caban after some fine work by young Ian Gray on the right.

Apia had complete control of the midfield for most of the game but could make little use of it.

Both teams were without key players through suspension and injury and these players were definitely missed.

By the time playoff time comes around, both teams will be in hot contention for honours.

But, if I'm any judge, get your money on the Slickers. Once their present rest period is over, coach Eddie Thomson will have them at their peak in five weeks time!

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Rodrigues, Robertson, Gomez, K. Falconer, Barnes (P. Falconer 68). Kay, Watson; Murray, Kos-

mina, Lee.

APIA-LEICHHARDT: Parks; Van Egmond, Bozanic, Pullen, Brown; Butler, Gray, de Ceglie; Bradley, Caban, Morsello.

REFEREE: D. Rennie. CROWD: 1,269.

TEAMS

TEAMS from Sunday, August 26:

CANBERRA: Economopoulos, Ontong, Jones, Christopoulos, Harkins, Perinovic, Reis, Mihailidis, Sermami, Bryant, Gibson.

WOLLONGONG: Tilsed, Green, Vlietstra, Willis, Fleming, Gaffney, Kotamanidis, Kerr, Bundalo, Beggs, Fontana.

REFEREE: N. Murray. CROWD: 786.

PRECIOUS PENRITH PENALTY POINTS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE band of Penrith supporters in the almost 3,000 crowd at King Tomislav Park gave vent to their joy when Brian Jackson collected an 86th minute penalty goal to secure a 1-0 win over Sydney Croatia.

The game seemed destined to end as a draw when Wally Savor cut across Roy Cotton, who made a dive that would have done credit to the Olympic winner at Los Angeles.

There was no doubt about the chop, but the fact that referee Jim Reeves ruled the incident took place a metre inside the penalty box irked some of the Croatia players.

Once the decision was made — and nobody could argue that Reeves was not right on the spot to make up his mind — Brian Jackson struck home cleanly to Greg Woodhouse's left as the ex-Socceroo picked wrongly and went to his right.

The win was a godsend to the Soccer Panthers. Not only did they ease those lingering relegation fears but they jumped into

the five at the expense of Parramatta Melita all in the one go.

The game was chock full of missed opportunities and there was a definite lack of control when it came to facing up to matters around the box.

However it would be entirely wrong to denigrate the work put in by the two goalkeepers, Woodhouse and Mike Gibson, or to criticise the respective defenders.

No-one did better than the perhaps ungainly Dave McIntosh, who made sure that highly skilled practitioners such as Zjelko Jurin and Australian squad choice Graham Arnold were so often denied the chance of a shot.

Jurin and Arnold got into good positions regularly and when the tide turned Penrith's way Jackson and Cotton were as close as a

touch.

Based on their display at the beginning, Croatia were set to win handsomely.

Gibson was forced to make a great one-handed save and later Mike Cross was there to clear on the line after Shane Clinch and Arnold had Gibson under pressure.

Later, when Penrith really came good, Jeff Ainsworth, Jackson and Cotton combined to put together the neatest move.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse, Woods, Tomasiach, Clinch, Sterrey, Vidaic (Basic 90), Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Borges (Meades 77), Godzik.

PENRITH: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Daley, McIntosh, Ainsworth, Hunter (Witherspoon 77), Hale, Cotton, Nix, Jackson.

REFEREE: J. Reeves. CROWD: 2,852.



KALANTZIS CRUSHES MARCONI

SYDNEY OLYMPIC's dynamic young striker Chris Kalantzis gave a superb display of non-stop attacking football to crush Marconi 4-2 in the challenge round match at Pratten Park.

Kalantzis scored two goals and set up the other two to easily be "man of the match" with his powerful crashing raids down the flanks and occasionally through the middle.

He was very well supported by Jimmy Patikas and Peter Katholos, especially Patikas, who twice slashed the Marconi defence to ribbons with sizzling pace, leaving a trail of defenders in his wake.

Despite Olympic looking in tremendous form, I was amazed by a pathetic, lethargic display by Marconi. Marconi's midfield of Craig Mason, Tony Henderson and Tommy McCulloch, had no say in the match at all.

Sydney Olympic's midfielders, Patikas, Peter Raskopoulos and Katholos, did what they

liked, as the sprayed passes at will to their strikers, Marshall Soper, Mark Koussas and Kalantzis.

From a Katholos corner in the 29th minute, Kalantzis climbed well to crash home a powerful header.

During the first 30 minute period, Marconi were repeatedly saved by the courage and agility of James, as his defenders continued to crucify him with feeble cover-work.

Two minutes after the break, Kalantzis scored with a 12 metre left-foot drive meeting a Katholos cross, whilst Koussas scored Olympic's third goal in the 57th minute after Kalantzis chested the ball down.

In the 59th minute, Kalantzis crashed his way once again through the Marconi defence, and was

barrelled by a Marconi defender for what looked like a penalty, but referee Richard Lorenc, after consulting his linesman, ruled, the foul occurred just outside the box.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Marconi hit back with a headed goal by centre-back Bert Mariani from a McCulloch corner in the 64th minute, but Olympic again went further ahead with a penalty.

Kalantzis put Koussas through nicely, but Koussas was upended in the box by Calderan for a penalty. Katholos belied the penalty home in the 75th minute.

David Lowe pulled back another goal for Marconi just before full-time when he met a cross from Henderson, to score from



□ **IT'S A GOAL:** signalled by referee Richard Lorenc at Pratten Park, scored by a jubilant Chris Kalantzis (right).

close-range.

If it wasn't for James, the final scoreline could easily have been 8-2 Olympic's way.

After the match, Marconi coach Les Scheinflug lamented: "They thrashed us and the score could have been much greater."

"Now my job will be to lift my boys' spirit up as we have not been playing well for too long."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Jennings; Patikas (Phillips 82), Raskopoulos, Katholos; Soper (Theodorakopoulos 61), Koussas, Kalantzis.

MARCONI: James; Carter, Mariani, Calderan, Spanos; Mason, Henderson, McCulloch; Sharne, Brown, Lowe.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc.
CROWD: 2,954.

ARROWS SHOULD THANK GAFFNEY FOR THE WIN

BY PHIL MURPHY

WOLLONGONG CITY are firmly entrenched on the bottom of the League after losing 1-0 to Canberra in shocking conditions at Dapto Showground.

Referee Tim Davies decided only minutes before the kick-off the waterlogged ground was playable but Wollongong captain Larry Gaffney wishes Davies had called the whole thing off.

It was Gaffney, playing at sweeper, who put through his own goal 10 minutes after half-time to give Arrows the points.

Gaffney headed past goalkeeper Natch Vardareff after Canberra's John Mihailidis had sent over a cross from the right wing.

To that stage, it seemed the home team had a chance of gaining revenge for their 4-0 defeat in Canberra just six days earlier.

Peter Kotamanidis missed two golden opportunities for Wollongong and they certainly created more chances than the previous week.

This was some encouragement for coach Adrian Alston as his team has scored only one goal in its

last six games.

The match developed into a test of strength rather than skill and on that score, Wollongong probably deserved a point.

They battled on well with stopper Ray Vlietstra outstanding and Peter Willis getting through plenty of work in midfield.

Back in the top team, goalkeeper Vardareff always looked safe but had no chance with the goal.

Steve Bryant was the pick of the Canberra side with George Christopoulos making a highly successful return to their defence.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Green, Vlietstra, Gaffney, Condran, Willis, Kotamanidis, Kerr, Beggs, Bundalo, Corradini.

CANBERRA: Economopoulos, Ontong, Jones, Christopoulos, Harkins, Sermanni, Mihailidis, Bryant, Gibson, Perinovic, Reis.

REFEREE: T. Davies.
CROWD: 224.

SAINTS REPRIEVE

BY BRAD EARL

ST GEORGE produced a strong determined performance to lift themselves up the ladder with a 3-0 win over Newcastle Rosebud United at St George Stadium.

Saints were in real relegation danger after losing to Newcastle two weeks ago, but that defeat was with a team that was minus Mike O'Shea, Peter Stone, Dez Marton and Rob Slater.

Now coach Frank Arok is confident St George can move higher up the table.

"We've sorted out our problems and the team is once again acting as a unit," Arok said.

"We are in the right frame of mind at the right time, and this win has given us much more hope."

The only upset for Arok was the injury to Soccerroo sweeper Dave Ratcliffe, who twisted his leg while playing a vital role in the second goal.

Ratcliffe climbed high to beat Newcastle goalkeeper Clint Gosling to the ball from a corner, and Andrew Koczka was lurking to scramble the ball home in the 19th minute.

It was a repeat of Koczka's goal against Sydney Croatia a week earlier.

Marton had opened the scoring in the fourth minute when Mark Barton brilliantly chipped the ball into the penalty area and Newcastle full-back Ralph Maier



□ **TODD TUMBLES:** Derek Todd of Newcastle Rosebud is in midair after being tackled by Mark Barton.

missed his clearance, allowing Marton to pounce with a simple toe-poke past Gosling.

His second goal one minute after half-time was Marton at his deceptive best.

He held the ball up on the left side of the box, tantalising the Newcastle defenders, before moving infield and blasting a right-foot rocket shot that cannoned in off the underside of the crossbar.

Later, Marton played a delightful lob over the defence for Peter Petkovski, but Gosling stopped his shot. Saints had another great chance to go ahead when Barton scooped the ball over the bar from five metres.

Newcastle rarely called Saints keeper Terry Greedy into action, and in fact their best chance went to a defender — when Neil Owens broke through on the left but narrowly missed

with his dipping shot.

They missed the penetration on the right of Dean Milosevic (suspended), while Steve Allen struggled with an injury before being replaced.

They also had midfielder John McQuarrie sent off in the 62nd minute.

Ratcliffe's injury poses a problem for Arok, but he expects Australia "B" midfielder John O'Shea back from injury in a fortnight.

Marton's skill up-front

and Barton's tremendous ball-winning performance in midfield stood out in Saints' deserved victory.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, Koczka, Ratcliffe (Batten 22), M.O'Shea; Stone, Ricoy, Barton; Slater, Petkovski, Marton.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling; Maier, Thompson, Owens, Boogaard; McQuarrie, Senkalski, Brandt; Jones, Todd, Allen (Kerby 45).

REFEREE: G. Power.
CROWD: 815.

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ROUND UP

MELITA NEED MATCHWINNER

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

WANTED. Parramatta-Melita seek the services of a match-winning striker.

That was the cry from Melita Stadium after Blacktown City demolished the Eagles 2-0.

In all fairness, Melita didn't deserve to win. They looked sharp in forward build ups but lacked that vital finishing touch in front of the Blacktown goal.

Melita coach Raul Blanco had every reason to be disappointed. In the space of 11 weeks his team have plummeted from second spot to sixth position on the ladder.

Such has been Melita's luck in recent weeks that a penalty attempt by midfielder Ray Farrugia, in the last minute, flew over the Blacktown crossbar.

On the other hand, credit should be directed to the Demons. During recent weeks they have been branded as relegation candidates and coach Casey De Bruin's future with the club has been the subject of discussion.

"We can't afford to get over excited about this win," De Bruin said. "Sure, if we beat Olympic next week we could possibly move into the top five but a loss will push us straight back into the relegation zone."

On the club's chances in the next few weeks De Bruin added: "We face Olympic then Brisbane City, Penrith and Wollongong. I think we have a big chance of collecting a majority of the points."

Blacktown City opened the scoring in the 34th minute when a cross from Phil O'Connor, one of the Demons' best performers, was headed in from an acute angle by striker Michael McLaughlin.

The visitors moved further ahead in the 48th minute. Adam Sandy displayed some fine close-in ball

skills to escape from the Melita defence and in one swift movement let loose with a deceiving low drive which surprised Melita goalie Alex McPherson.

McPherson redeemed himself denying Selva (66th) and O'Connor (68th) minutes with two brilliant saves.

PARRA MELITA: McPherson, McAusland, Gregson, McGinn, McDonald, Allan, Jamieson, Farrugia, Andricopoulos, Davies (Duarte 53), Johnston.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Wheatley, Skellern, Dunleavy, Pointer, Selva.



PHIL O'CONNOR
McLaughlin (Thornthwaite 82), Byrne, Sandy, Larkin, O'Connor.
REFEREE: T. Seacy.
CROWD: 750.

ANDERSON THE HERO

BY GREG RUSSELL

A GOAL only 31 seconds into the match set Brisbane Lions for a tough but deserved 2-1 win over Brunswick Juventus at Richlands.

Russell Stewart, who is back to his brilliant best, played a neat pass to Ray Junna, and his powerful shot was deflected off a defender on to the crossbar.

It rebounded for Clark Anderson, the scorer of Lions' shock winning goal against Leichhardt a week ago, to nod into the net.

Twelve minutes later, Anderson was again on target, and the tiny winger thoroughly deserved the goal he made out of almost nothing.

Calvin Daunt, who again had a strong game, played the ball to Jim McDonagh, who split the defence with a well-placed pass.

Brunswick defender Paul Drinowsky seemed to have the ball covered but Anderson used all his speed and agility to regain possession and lob a shot over the oncoming George Martin.

The two goals filled the young Lions side with confidence, and even Juventus coach John Margaritis admitted his team could have been four goals down at the break.

Brunswick's best chance in the first half was a Rob Cullen shot which Lions keeper Rob Farrow turned away with his legs.

But if Farrow was the hero then, he was the villain in the 55th minute when he fumbled a Cullen cross into his own goal while under pressure from Gary Ward.

The goal sparked Juventus back to some form and they pressured Lions constantly for an equaliser.

Lions showed great commitment to contest every ball with some gutsy and fearless tackling.

But Brunswick claimed they should have been given two penalties, for a tackle on Andrew Zinni and after an altercation between Brian Brown and Alan Hunter; both were claims of a beaten side.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Jackson, Hunter, Vasquez, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Anderson, McDonagh (McSkimming 45), Daunt, Junna.

BRUNSWICK: Martin, Geremia, Campbell, Drinowsky (Saglam 83), Dowie, Brown, Cullen, Miranda, Sweeney (Ward 45), Lloyd, Zinni.

REFEREE: A. Kibbler.
CROWD: 1,183.



PAUL LEWIS (left)

LEWIS FIRES

BY ROBERT TRAINER

A PERSONAL triumph by Peter Lewis lifted Green Gully out of the doldrums.

The gifted forward netted two goals to give his side a much needed 2-0 home win over Brisbane City.

Gully staged a dazzling performance and would have scored more goals had they been able to master the windy conditions.

Lewis struck first in the 12th minute, hammering in the net a curling pass by teammate Les Carter.

The goal boosted the confidence of Green Gully who went on to tighten its grip of the game.

For long intervals, Green Gully put tremendous pressure on their unimpressive opponents and came close to scoring repeatedly.

They failed, however, to capitalise on their scoring opportunities thus containing their lead to 1-0 until the 86th minute when Paul Lewis netted his second.

Jim Williams mounted an attack from the defence and sent Lewis away with a defence splitting pass. The speedy winger evaded suc-

cessive tackles and fired a low drive inside the far post.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Carter, Hogben, McLelland, Cannell, Wade, Smart, Vassallo, P. Lewis, Smallman, Williams.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Fabrizio (O'Maye 72), Milovanovic, Perry, Liddell, Swan, Mengotti, Pimblett, Scriggins, Hamilton, Bromfield (Walsh 88).

REFEREE: S. Zoumas.
ATTENDANCE: 500.

ON COMEBACK TRAIL

PRESTON bounced back into contention for a semi final berth with a comfortable 2-0 win over Adelaide City at Connor Reserve.

The troubled Preston staged a brilliant performance and delighted their loyal supporters with an exhibition of total commitment which they lacked in previous weeks.

The home side dominated the game throughout and could have scored more goals had they decided to make use of the full length of the park.

Preston hit the lead after

21 minutes when Graham Heys fed Lane with a square pass and the forward slammed the ball home.

Claude Lucchesi doubled the margin in the 51st minute turning into the net a cross by left winger George Campbell.

Great goalkeeping by City's McNally prevented Preston from going further ahead.

McNally made some brilliant saves denying Preston the opportunity to celebrate a big win.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opatinas, Dunn, Bloski, Dobson, McMillan, Heys (Petrovski 67), Flavell, Lucchesi, Lane, Campbell.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, B. Nyskohus, Tobin, Flounders, Melta, De Pitto (Louno 69), Villani, Mulren, Maxwell, Rankin.

REFEREE: J. Fearn.
ATTENDANCE: 1,500.

SOUTH MELBOURNE'S CHASE FOR TITLE

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SOUTH MELBOURNE overcame another obstacle in the race for the 1984 championship by disposing of Footscray 3-0 at Melbourne's Schintler Reserve.

Mastering the blustery conditions, South Melbourne threw themselves into attack from the opening minutes and early on, managed to slot the ball

past Footscray goalkeeper Dennis Boland for the first time.

It was a controversial goal that caused an explosion on and off the park. Footscray players, supporters and officials protested strongly to the referee Chris Bambridge, arguing that Brown's shot off the crossbar had not crossed the goal-line.

Brown had unleashed a powerful volley from 30 metres but the ball rebounded off the inside of the bar and bounced on the ground — apparently inside the goal-line.

But Footscray players argued strongly that the linesman who flagged the goal was in no position to decide.

Three minutes later Oscar Crino froze goalkeeper Boland with a short volley that rebounded off the bar.

Crino, however, was rewarded for his creative

work in the 30th minute when Charlie Egan played to him a low cross by Brown and the tall midfielder threaded the ball into the net changing the scoreline to 2-0 before the break.

South Melbourne continued dominating the second half and in the 76th minute Crino scored his second goal tapping in a loose deflection of a shot by Egan.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Hazabent, Tutill, Tansey, McDowell, Belic, O'Donnell (Paton 73), Karic, Lujic, Laemanovic, Carroll.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Blair, Postecoglou, Kalifatidis, Davidson, Crino, Kanesoulis, Yzendoorn, Egan, Brown.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.
CROWD: 3,500.



DOUG BROWN

WINN, TASIOS STAR

HEIDELBERG United cruised to a comfortable 2-0 win over Melbourne Croatia to retain leadership of the National Conference.

Croatia's 17 game unbeaten record came to an end and diminished their chances of winning the 1984 championship title.

Croatia slid to third spot, three points behind the leaders and it appears that the title has slipped through their hands. The difference of points is extremely difficult to cover since South Melbourne is following Heidelberg very closely and second after the win over Footscray.

Steve Winn scored Heidelberg's two goals and narrowly missed a hat-trick when he fired a shot against the crossbar.

Winn had to share the glory with young Steve Tasios, who excelled in his second full senior game.

Tasios created both goals and figured in most of the attacking moves throughout the day.

Right on quarter time Winn headed home a cross by Steve Tasios, sending

Heidelberg supporters into a frenzy.

It was Tasios who initiated the move that resulted in the second goal in the 63rd minute. The youngster fed Winn with an accurate pass and the experienced forward beat Yakka Banovic for the second time.

Croatia need not feel disgraced for they fought tooth and nail during the entire game but unfortunately the breaks did not go their way.

They can take comfort from the fact that they have reached the Cup final.

CROATIA: Banovic, Curcio, Parton, P. Lewis (Adams 67), Hannah, Antolovic, Campbell (Dean-kovic 67), Biskic, Gojevic, Brogan, Cumming.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Oliver, McKie, Angele, McLeod, Yankos, Valentine, Metaxas, Petersen, Tasios, Stevenson, Winn.
REFEREE: S. Mellings.
ATTENDANCE: 3,500.

SPECIAL FEATURE

1984 NSW JUNIORS

THE New South Wales Amateur Soccer Federation junior representative teams are currently competing in national championships.

The Under 13, 14 and 15 State teams are the starting point for many star players.

ASW introduces you to this year's players in this special lift-out.

CREATIVE PLAYERS COUNT

THE skilful and creative players are the only ones who can achieve results in Soccer by surprising the other side.

National team coach Frank Arok explained this to the NSW Under 13, 14 and 15 players who recently came together for another successful State dinner.

The night gets all the boys, coaches and managers together with their families for a time of friendship and presentations just prior to the National title games.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Arok also said: "I watched last year's interstate youth finals, as Soccer is my hobby as well as my profession."

"I know a lot of the young players' names, although I often could not tell you the names of the officials who look after them."

I love the code and the kids. The kids are very important, but we coaches just happen to be around them.

"Of the countries who are the latest experts in Soccer, I believe it is the ones like France who are now the most successful."

"I put this down to the good start the youngsters get because from the start they really set out to enjoy the game."

Arok pointed out that eight Australian-born players were involved in the main games against touring teams in Australia this year — the best number for the past 20 years or so.

He added: "Recently we

have done well against the world-rated England and Juventus of Italy teams.

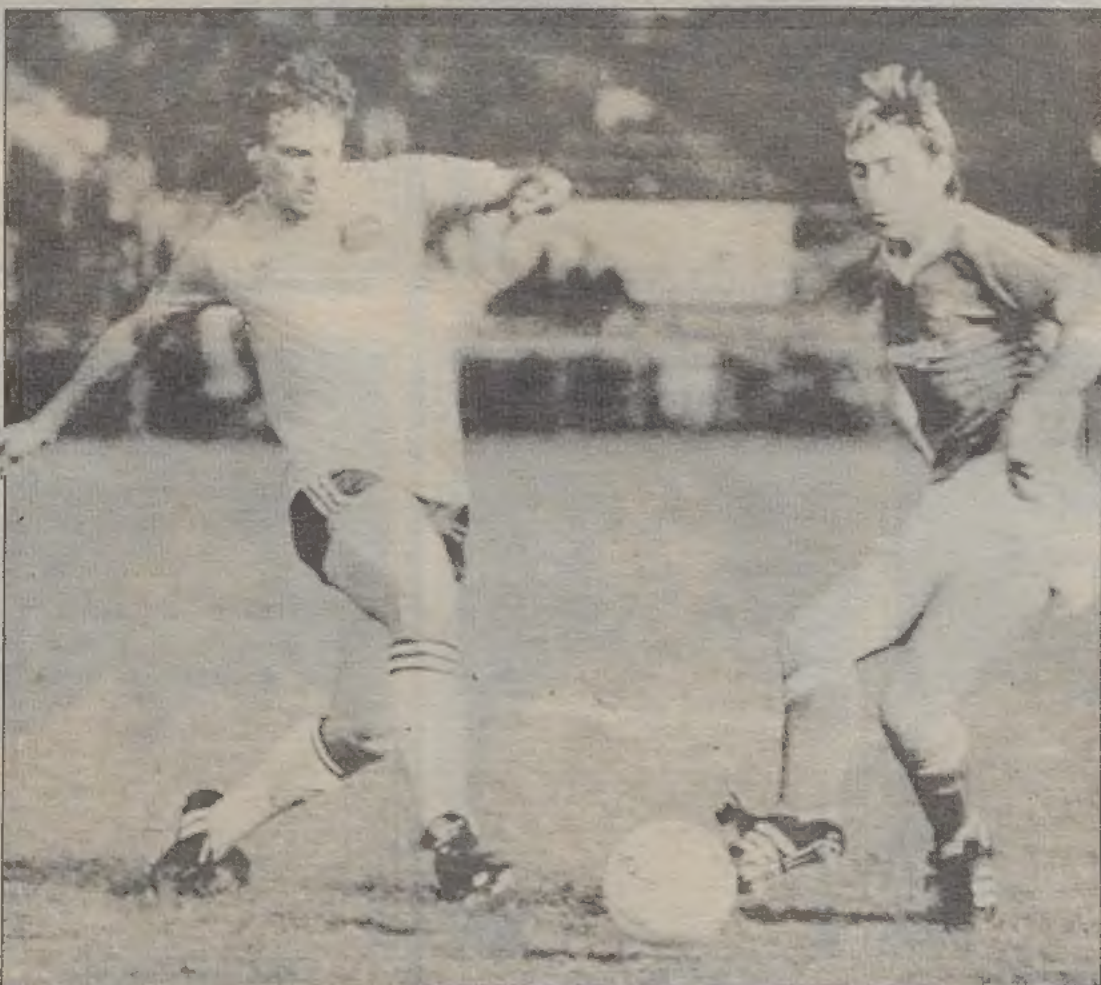
"And we achieved against Glasgow Rangers, who were surely the most forceful team to come here in the last four or five years."

"Clubs like Iraklis of Greece and Notts Forest were thoroughly tested by our Australian players."

"It means that there are places for all of you boys who go ahead in Soccer."



National Coach Speaks



□ PETER RASKOPOULOS (left) in action for Australia against Nottingham Forest: a NSW product in the Soccerroo team.

SPEECH BY JASON WHANT - CAPTAIN N.S.W. UNDER 15 TEAM



Mr. President, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow Players.

On behalf of the three teams I would like to thank the State Amateur Federation for organising this evenings function.

I feel that I speak for all players in saying that I consider it a privilege to have been chosen to represent my State. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for providing each of us with the support and encouragement that was necessary for us to have been successful in obtaining our state selection.

I would also like to thank our Coaches, Trainers and Managers for their patience and perseverance during the selections and during the many training sessions and matches which were necessary during preparation for the National Championships.

I feel that it is also appropriate to express on behalf of the players our gratitude to Sporting Supplies Pty. Ltd., the major sponsor of the N.S.W. teams. To the other licensees I wish to express the players appreciation for their financial and material contributions which assist the Amateur Federation's preparation of the teams.

I am confident that I speak on behalf of my fellow players in saying that we will strive with every inch of determination to confirm that N.S.W. is the premier soccer state.

The announcement tonight of a National Junior Team to compete in China in 1985 is an exciting incentive for the players in the 14 and 15 teams. I would like to assure the A.S.F. members present tonight that the junior players of this generation are ready to meet the challenges Australian Soccer must face in the future.

In closing I would like to thank the New South Wales Amateur Soccer Federation for the important role it plays in soccer. I believe the three teams will be a credit to the Federation in this years National Championships.

SPEECH BY IAN HOLMES - PRESIDENT, N.S.W.A.S.F.



Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Under 13, 14 and 15 State Teams.

The purpose of this evenings function is to acknowledge the players selected to represent this State in this years National Championships.

The players present tonight represent the best this State has to offer at junior level. They represent the future of our game at State, National and International level. They are the codes greatest asset.

For players in the Under 14 and Under 15 teams there is the added incentive of selection in the Australian National Junior Team which will be participating in the inaugural World Junior Cup to be played in China in 1985. It will be the destiny of those players who are selected in the National Junior Team to prepare themselves for the responsibility of carrying the torch at International level for the next generation.

I am sure that all present here tonight will join with me in wishing those individual players eligible for selection in this Australian Team every success in their endeavour.

The N.S.W.A.S.F. wishes to work hand in hand with the A.S.F. to encourage all young players to strive to wear the green and gold of this country.

We believe that the formation of a National Team at junior level will compliment the efforts of all officials, coaches and managers involved in junior soccer. I am sure I speak for all members of the Federation in giving an undertaking to do all within our power to assist in the development of a strong junior National Side. However, the Amateur Federation can only do so much, these players also need the support of the media and the senior section of the code.

In this room tonight are some of the leading members of the soccer media fraternity. We have been encouraged by their support, particularly in the Australian Soccer Weekly. We know these people will help the young players in this room and provide them with the positive encouragement that all players require to reach the top.

We are grateful to the major sponsor of our State Teams, Sporting Supplies Pty. Ltd. who hold the license for the Admiral and Patrick range of football wear in this country. Later in tonight's proceedings you will be able to see the strip and tracksuits which have been donated by Sporting Supplies Pty. Ltd. for our teams.

We are also indebted to Attack Sports for their kind donation of strip for our Country Representative Teams. Both Sporting Supplies and Attack have joined with Treloar Australia, Mitre and R & R Trophies in a licensing arrangement with this Federation which should underpin our finances and assist with continued development of N.S.W. junior soccer in the years to come.

The Amateur Federation is proud of the players in its State Teams and we are sure that they will be excellent ambassadors for N.S.W., we know these players want to restore N.S.W. as the premier state for soccer in Australia.

On behalf of the N.S.W.A.S.F. I congratulate each and every player on his selection and wish each one of them well in the 1984 National Titles.

U15S MUST TAKE THEIR CHANCES

BY BRAD EARL

THE New South Wales Under 15 team must show more penetration in attack to improve on their 1983 performance, according to coach Vince Balzan.

Currently in Perth for the national titles which started on Sunday, the U15s will be keen to finish higher than the fourth placing they achieved as U14s last year.

As the titles are decided on a round-robin basis without a final, it is possible that the eventual winners may be decided by goal difference.

"We created the chances last year but didn't put them away," said Balzan, in his second season with the squad.

"This year we have a good side that can do it, provided the players apply themselves and put in full commitment."

The strikers, whom Balzan has elected to play in the State side, are Gary Applebee (Nepean) and Mark Moffatt (Sydney Olympic).

"These two are working well as twin strikers. They work hard and have speed," Balzan explained.

He has three strong strikers as back-up — Troy Neate and Dean Radice (Apia) and Anthony Daniel (Sydney Olympic).

The defence and midfield are settled, backed up by Michael White (Blacktown City) and George Bouhoutsos (Canterbury-Marrickville) as goalkeepers.

The back-four is made up of right-back Peter Bennett (Nepean), left-back David Scott (Blacktown City), sweeper and captain Jason Whant (Nepean) and stopper Billy Pliatsikas (Sydney Olympic).

The midfield "engine-room" is made up of four responsible players, with



the defensive linkman duties going to a product of the NSW Country rep teams, introduced this year.

Wayne Comerford, from Bathurst, has impressed the State coach with his strong defensive play and

high work rate.

The other midfielders are Paul Riley (Granville), vice-captain David Barrett (Sydney Olympic) and Trevor Daley (Nepean).

Balzan says Riley, the smallest member of the squad, is the type of player who gets through a lot of work without shining.

Barrett and Daley are well built youngsters who will be relied upon to provide the service so vital for the strikers.

The final player in the squad is Sean Smith (Kuring-gai), and Balzan believes his utility value will mean he will fit in to any defensive or midfield role.

NATIONAL U15 TITLES

Played at Perth:
R1: Queensland 4 Northern Territory 0; Victoria 1 Northern NSW 0; NSW 4 ACT 0; Western Australia 1 South Australia 0.

NSW U13 SUCCESS

NSW had an undefeated run in the National U13 championships to narrowly win the tournament from the strong Victorian lineup.

The NSW tally in Melbourne was four wins and two draws with 20 goals to six against.

Of Victoria's 16 goals no fewer than 12 fell to the tournament's leading scorer Sam Emmanuele of Fawkner.

NSW kept Emmanuele quiet in the clash with the Victorians whereas the other states let him run riot.

In a team effort NSW was particularly well served by Melita striker Paul Rago and skipper Mathew Bindley of Granville.

Also playing a big part was Apia goalkeeper Tony Marco, possibly the best custodian on show.

Western Australia ran third and SA fourth in a series which some observers considered was marginally below the standard seen in the previous two years.



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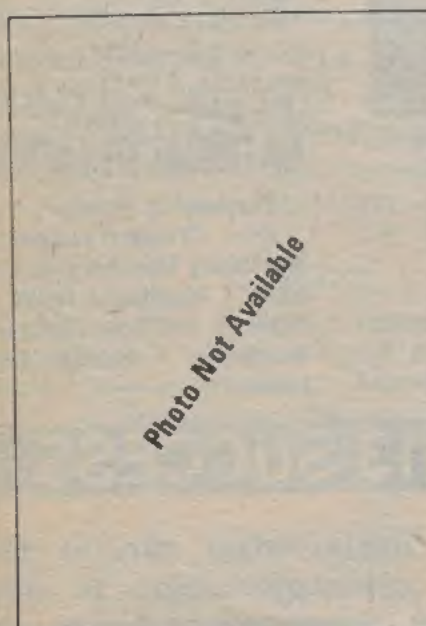
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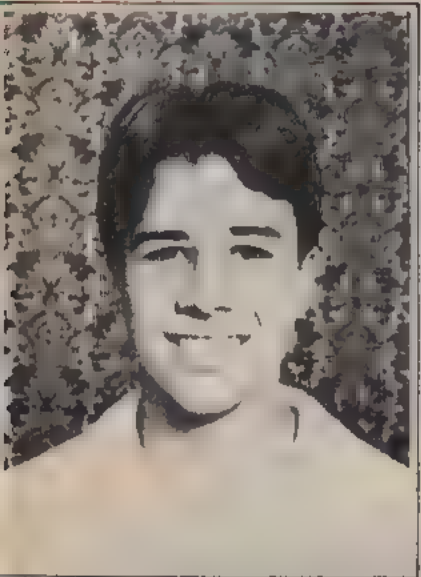
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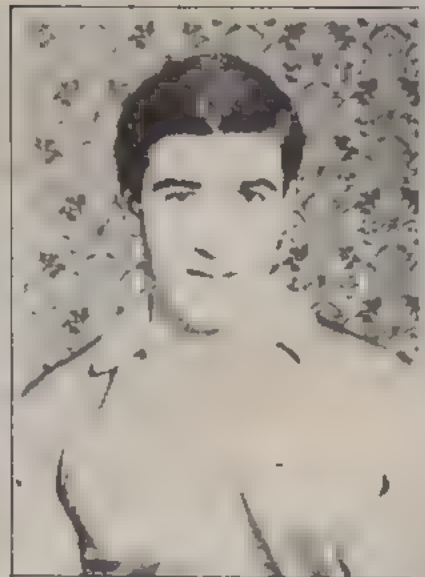
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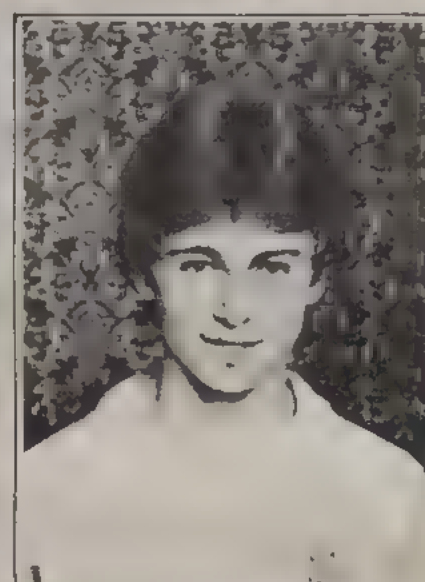
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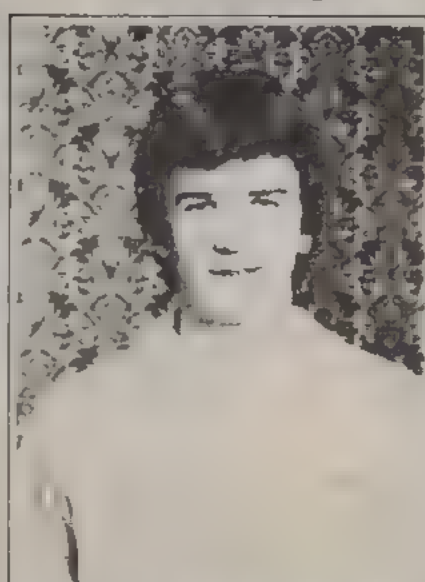
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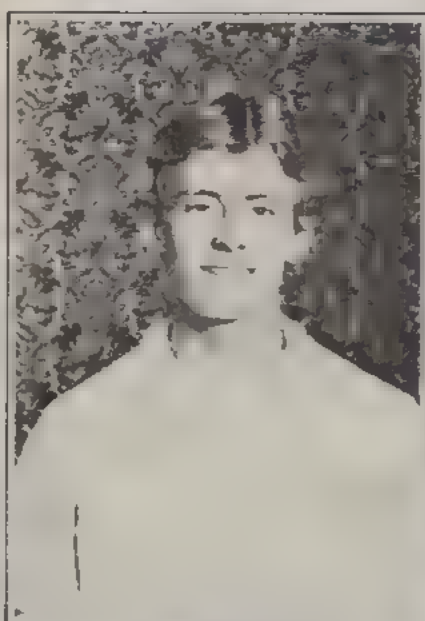
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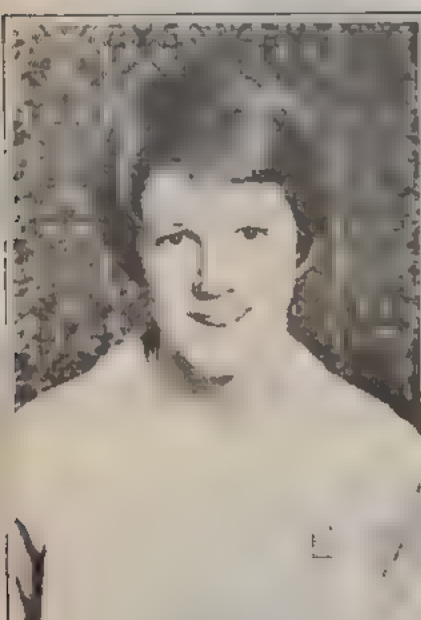
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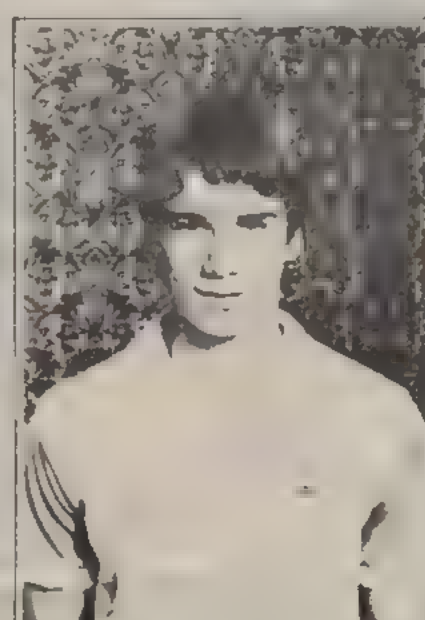
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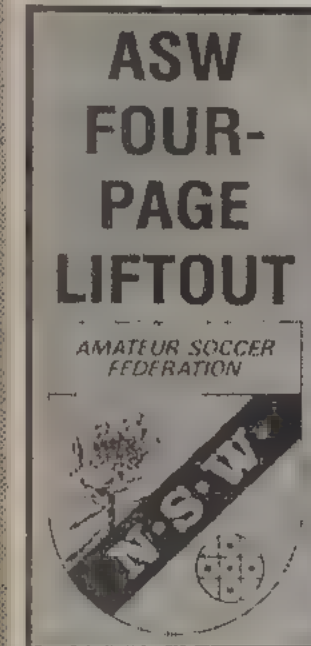
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CHAMPIONSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

A SPECIAL dinner was hosted by the Mayor of the City of Shoalhaven when the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation staged the State U12 championships in this popular South Coast centre.

The Mayor was also there to make the presentations, and the whole event did great credit to the Shoalhaven Soccer Football Association and the Nowra district.

The U11 tournament was held at Griffith and reports filtering through indicate that it could not have been more successful than it was. Congratulations, Griffith Soccer Football Association.

No doubt Orange did the U10 series proud as well. Parklea provided excellent facilities for the U14 and U15 titles, and the presentations were made to the recipients in the main auditorium.

Now it is a case of watching out for the big NSW Champion of Champions competitions.

This blue ribbon series opens on Sunday, September 16, when city area teams will visit the country.

All competing teams across the grades are winners of their local first division competitions.

NEW STATE CHAMPIONS

THE 1984 State Champions are:

U11 Illawarra, U12 Blacktown, U14 Sutherland and U15 the exceptionally strong APIA Leichhardt side.

That leaves the U13 and U16 championships to go. These will be played at Parklea from Friday to Sunday, September 7-9.

RESULTS

U11: Illawarra 1, Nepean 0; Western NSW 3, Riverina 2; Sutherland 3, Southern NSW 3.

State Champions: Illawarra 10 pts, runners up: Nepean 7 pts (Metropolitan Champions).

Country champions: Southern NSW 5 pts, runners-up Western NSW 2 pts.

U12: Granville 1, Nepean 0; Western NSW 1, Riverina 1; Blacktown 1, Southern NSW 1.

State Champions: Blacktown 9 pts, runners-up Granville 8 pts (Metropolitan Champions).

Country Champions: Southern NSW 5 pts, runners-up Western NSW 1 pt, goal difference -12.

U14: Sydney Olympic 2, Illawarra 2; Riverina 3, Western NSW 0; Sutherland 8, Southern NSW 0.

State Champions: Sutherland 8 pts, runners-up Sydney Olympic 7 pts (Metropolitan Champions).

Country Champions: Riverina 5 pts, runners-up Southern NSW 2 pts.

U15: APIA 4, Sydney Olympic 0; Western NSW 1, Riverina 0; Southern NSW 2, Nepean 1.

State and Metropolitan Champions: APIA 9 pts, runners-up Sydney Olympic 8 pts.

Country Champions: Western NSW 6 pts, runners-up Riverina 2 pts, goal difference -4.

THE BIG NIGHT

EACH year the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation goes out of its way to honour the NSW players to compete in the national championships.



In an excellent function held at the St George Soccer Club, the U13, U14 and U15 teams gathered, together with parents, friends and the officials.



Here is AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY'S pictorial cover of the 1984 event at the St George — Budapest Soccer Club at **Mordiallo**.



TOP LEFT: NSW director of coaching Alan Vest hands over another presentation. Also pictured are M.C. Brian Doyle and at rear Ray Mason lines up the next gift. Jeff Allport (NSW U14) is the recipient.



BOTTOM LEFT: The Sydney Hungarian Dance Group, who entertained the big audience.



CENTRE: Jason Whant, the NSW U15 skipper, thanks the Amateur Federation for the work put in for the youngsters.



RIGHT: National coach Frank Arok makes a presentation to Phillip Walker of the NSW representative U13 youngsters.



U13 COUNTRY REPS



BACK ROW: C. James, D. Lambert, M. Rochow, S. Morse, A. O'Flynn, A. Blake, D. Rich, P. Taylor, G. Ankudinoff (coach). **FRONT ROW:** J. Deane, S. Moore, T. Farrell, R. Newman, A. Denison, C. McGann, C. Ash, M. Duke.

U14 COUNTRY REPS



BACK ROW: J. Haynes (coach), B. Langford, P. Giezekamp, C. Jones, M. Starr, V. Bates, A. Warble, C. White, F. Finlay (manager). **FRONT ROW:** C. McGill, B. Hollywood, L. Turner, A. Steadman, R. Crisp, K. Whalan, M. Lappin.

U15 COUNTRY REPS



BACK ROW: Vince Balzan (coach), W. Comerford, P. Tippet, S. Kinross, M. Pearce, D. Boyer, S. Maundrell, C. Prestage, J. Price, J. Sergi. **FRONT ROW:** C. Weldon, T. Whittall, P. Dunn, D. Denaro, M. Rooke, A. Carroll.

CHIT HAT



VIC SMYTHE, tipped to make it big with West Adelaide in the NSL five years ago before he "vanished", is in the news again.

The tricky winger is in Switzerland with the Schinznach club where he scored four goals in eight games, but is due back in Adelaide in December.

Smythe played for Beograd, Azzurri and Campbelltown in the SA State League, then Adelaide City and West on the national scene.

SUMMER SOCCER debate is about to infiltrate the game once again after many people imagined it was dead and buried.

This time the arguments, for and against, will be investigated by Channel 0-28 using a panel of experts.

Like drowning men clutching at straws, it seems Australian Soccer officials are ready to try anything to lure back crowds.

CRAIG JOHNSTON almost muffed up his speech after the recent Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup final played at Marconi Stadium.

At the function in the Marconi Club after the game, Johnston called the losers of the final Howard Kendall — not Henry Kendall.

No doubt he was thinking of Everton's manager Howard Kendall.

Could this be another club interested in Johnston's services?

ST GEORGE and Socceroo goalkeeper Terry Greedy suffered quite a shock at the St George Soccer Camps last week.

While coaching a group of budding young goalkeepers, Greedy was astonished at the build and size of

"I thought I was fairly tall. This 14 year-old youngster can look me straight in the eye!" Greedy remarked.



NEWCASTLE Rosebud midfielder Joe Senkalski has a steady job as a P.E. teacher in Newcastle and he's just completing the building of his new house.

These are two very good reasons for Senkalski to stay put in North-east NSW.

On the other hand, he is convinced his international Soccer ambitions can only be realised if he moves to Sydney.

That's the Catch 22 situation facing one of the most creative midfield players in the National League ... and Joe admits he doesn't know which way to turn.

ROBBIE O'SHEA will not make a comeback for St George until 1985, despite hopes that he would be fit for some of the team's later games this year.

"Robbie has been out too long with the broken leg. If he played one or two matches at the end of the season, it would not do him or St George any good," said coach Frank Arok.

IT seems the success of the Cosmos v Australia game at the Sydney Showground in 1979 has rubbed off on everyone — bar the refereeing contingent.

The four officials involved in the game that drew a crowd estimated at between 40,000 to 60,000 are yet to be paid for their services!

WOLLONGONG CITY players can be excused for dreading having to visit Canberra again next season.

They have been there twice this season and fell victim to the Canberra referees.

Their first visit was well publicised and followed criticism of the Canberra refs by top Sydney coaches — most of them having won their games.

Wollongong's latest trip saw Peter Willis chest the ball down and concede a penalty — one of two dubious penalty decisions to go to the home team.

To make matters worse, goalkeeper Ron Tilsed brilliantly saved both kicks only to have referee Neil Murray order the second one be re-taken.

It seems Tilsed moved before the kick was taken.

A COLLECTOR of Soccer metal lapel badges would like to get in touch with fans in Australia in the hope of exchanging badges, programmes and magazines of English and European Football for those of Australia.

All letters answered. Write to: Charles Micallef, 49 St Vincent St, Sliema, MALTA.

MARCONI have had enough problems this year with injuries but they have now reluctantly written off two of their "name" players until 1985.

John Djordjevic and Joe Rizzotto are the two ruled out with injury for the rest of the season. Both are full-backs.

NEWCASTLE coach Willie Gallagher is another critic of the NSL relegation system in operation this year.

"It would be a farce if St George were relegated by finishing fourth from bottom," he said.

Newcastle are second last now, but Gallagher doesn't believe his team — or any team — should be protected.

"If we finish bottom, we should accept the responsibility and be relegated."



JOE RIZZOTTO (on ground) makes a tackle for Australia "B" against Nottingham Forest.

THE announcement that England will now field their "B" team against the Soccerroos during the overseas tour should come as no surprise.

While it has been suggested that the Poms are "running scared" and don't want to see their first team beaten by the Aussies, it would be nearer the truth to say that once again Australia has been downgraded.

A quote attributed to ASF executive director Brian Emery sums up the situation: "They've got a pretty hectic programme this year and will probably grab players from wherever they can get them."

In other words: anything will do to play the Australians.

NO names yet, but West Adelaide have started negotiations through a "friend" to sign a key player for next season.

The club denies all knowledge of the move, but we believe the player has said he will talk as soon as the current season ends and he is free to move.

LEICHHARDT coach Fil Bottalico has realistically decided there is no way his team can finish on top of Sydney City in the

"But we certainly hope to finish second or, at worst, third," said Fil.

Leichhardt's biggest problem has been the shortage of experienced reserves who could have come in to replace injured stars.

"I have a lot of good young boys but they are not ready yet for the National League," added Bottalico.

SYDNEY CROATIA coach Harry Noon was very angry when he read a report of Croatia's 1 - 1 draw with St George.

The report stated that Noon was out-thought and out-manoeuvred by Saints coach Frank Arok.

"Garbage," said Noon. "Arok's team scraped an equalising goal seven minutes from the end after we had 70 per cent of the play. St George, not Croatia, were relieved to hear the final whistle."

CRAIG JOHNSTON was among those badly hit by the NSW rail strike when he tried to get from his Newcastle home to Englefield Stadium at Dural where he had agreed to coach young players.

Many a player of his stature would have given up but Johnston, using a variety of methods of transport, finally reached the camp after midnight.

He was determined he wouldn't disappoint the kids.

HARD-RUNNING Mike Donnelly, a striker or midfielder who was with SA State League club Azzurri before going overseas last year, could be in the NSL next season.

The 23-year-old has been playing in England since his contract with Azzurri ended, and is keen to get back into the game when he returns to Adelaide next month and prepares to start a physical education course.

Adelaide City and West Adelaide were interested in the tough Scot before he decided to head for the UK.

MIKE COADY would rate as one of the most consistent players in the NSL this year.

Comfortable in any defensive position, Coady has played an important role in Sydney Olympic's success this season.

It's a pity a player of his calibre hasn't got Australian citizenship.



LOOKALIKES

Australia's Craig Johnston (left), who helped Liverpool to the English championship and European Cup last season, bears a close resemblance to Jimmy Barnes, the former leader singer of Cold Chisel, one of Australia's top rock bands.



SOCCER DREAM ...OR IS IT?

asks **FRANK SBISA**,
general manager *Leichhardt Apia*

WHEN normal procedures fail one has to look at radical changes, in spite of personal and egotistical interests.

The present format of the NSL has no chance of survival!

Proposed alternatives for next year can only fail in the same way, mainly because the ingredients are not much varied.

If we want to continue to "dream" of a true and viable National League we must change our thinking completely and look for a more practical and profitable approach to a modern day problem.

The day when the "hungry" Soccer fan would put up with any conditions to watch his favourite team in action is gone.

Today the fan has become more demanding. He wants to sit in comfort, buy a drink or hot-dog in hygienic conditions, visit clean toilets, park his car in suitable areas and watch good quality Soccer, played by skilful players, coached by experienced coaches. He wants to attend a match in a "proper" Soccer stadium which is not used for Cricket, Rugby or other sports.

At present, we put the emphasis on quantity rather than quality.

Too many teams, played in too many venues, played by too many players, watched by too few people — and they are getting fewer every day.

How can we stop the rot?

Very easily really, by putting the good of Soccer in front of personal interests.

This is how it can be done:—

1) A true National League of Australia, incorporating all States (yes - All States).

2) Two teams only per State (14 teams): (eg NSW 2, Melbourne 2, SA 2, O'land 2, WA 2, Tasmania 2, ACT 2.

3) One match only played in each capital city per week, on the best ground available, with all public-

ity, promotion and advertising concentrated on our venue

4) Full professionalism for 15 players, one coach and one manager per team (17x2 = 34 per State).

5) All junior Soccer and any other Soccer (women, amateurs and others) must stop at 12.00 noon on Sunday.

6) A proper "national" sponsorship for this League could easily be obtained, to cover at least the extra travel involved (one team per State per week).

7) Present NSL clubs in each State to form limited companies with a board of directors to control the two teams.

8) Teams selected from existing players in each State.

9) Excess players to be redistributed in other States to achieve a balance of quality

10) Existing clubs in each State to continue their identity in each State Federation which would serve as a nursery to the National League.

11) Better training and selection of referees and linesmen to control National League matches.

12) A professional approach by players, coaches, managers and officials.

13) Financial structure (per State) cost (10 months season = 40 matches)

34 staff @ \$500 pw x 52 =	\$884,000
Ground Rentals, etc (40x2000)	80,000
Administration/Promotion (NSL)	36,000
Travel (20 trips @ 5000)	100,000
Total Cost	\$1,100,000

Income (40 Matches)	
10,000 (average) x 40 @ \$5 =	\$2,000,000
Advertising at Ground	100,000
National Sponsor (per state)	100,000
Total Income	\$2,200,000

14) Above figures are based on a 10 months season/40 matches, average attendances of 10,000 per match (very conservative).

A "dream" can only become a reality if we so desire.

ASW EDITOR'S COMMENT: Is this an impossible dream? Or is Frank Sbisa talking sense? We would like to hear the views of ASW readers. What do you think?



□ **FRANK SBISA** pictured with famous Italian goalkeeper **Dino Zoff**.

LAST GAME IS A VITAL ONE

A TITANIC battle is looming in Wollongong between its two State League Second Division teams, Wollongong Macedonia and Fairy Meadow.

With Wollongong Wolves losing consistently in the National League, much attention in Wollongong has been centred on the season-long battle between Fairy Meadow and Wollongong Macedonia.

With Inter Monaro assured of entry into the National League, it will be between these two clubs as to who will take their place in State League.

At the time of writing, Fairy Meadow was leading the competition, but only by a goal difference of two from Wollongong Macedonia.

Macedonia coach John Bingham and his team are to be congratulated on the character and skill they have shown during a period of months in cutting back what at one time had seemed a forlorn assignment.

There are two games to play and the last game

sees Meadow and Macedonia in opposition, with the championship and promotion depending on the outcome.

BY MIKE JOHNSON



This, possibly the most important Soccer game played in Wollongong for many years, will be watched by three to four thousand people at Meadow's compact ground in the centre of Wollongong.

Both clubs have been trying to make it out of Division Two and into the State League for many years.

I twice Wollongong Macedonia (then known as Wollongong United) got within one point of going up, once missing out to the now-defunct North Sydney and three seasons ago to Polonia

I was coaching Wollon-

gong Macedonia when we were pipped by a penalty goal by Polonia to lose out on promotion.

The following year with the club seemingly assured of promotion, Wollongong Wolves joined the Philips League and took several of our players and promotion was once more narrowly missed, this time to Yugal.

Since that time, Fairy Meadow has had a run of ascendancy without being able to clinch promotion.

For myself this will be my last season in professional Soccer, because of my association with the Mormon Church

Consistently breaking the Sabbath Day is something I find very hard to reconcile with.

After leaving Fairy Meadow, for family and Church reasons, last year with the team on top spot, there was a subsequent falling away.

I have sought to remedy this, this year.

Additionally, Soccer is in my blood and I have found it very hard to give it up.

Nevertheless, Sunday September 22 looms as a highly significant one for myself as well as the 22 players who will take part in that game.



□ **JOHN BINGHAM**

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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE MATCHES

ROUND 24

WOLLONGONG CITY v

MARCONI

Wollongong Showground - 3pm

SYDNEY CITY v

BRISBANE CITY

Sydney Athletic Field - 3pm

PARRAMATTA MELITA v

BRISBANE LIONS

Melita Stadium - 3pm

FOOTSCRAY v

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS

Schintler Reserve - 3pm

GREEN GULLY v

PRESTON

Green Gully Reserve - 3pm

BRUSNSWICK JUVENTUS v

HEIDELBERG UNITED

Olympic Park No.2 - 3pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE v

MELBOURNE CROATIA

Middle Park - 3pm

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD v

ADELAIDE CITY

Adamstown Oval - 2.30pm

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9

CANBERRA ARROWS v

WEST ADELAIDE

National Sports Centre - 2pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v

BLACKTOWN CITY

Pratten Park - 3pm

PENRITH CITY v

ST GEORGE

Cook Park - 3pm

SYDNEY CROATIA v

LEICHHARDT

King Tomislav Park - 3pm

NSW STATE LEAGUE

COMPILED BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

MONARO WIN PROMOTION

IN defeating Avala 3-0 at Marco Polo Oval, Monaro won the premiership as well as automatic promotion into the National Soccer League next year.

Monaro president Laurie Pastrello has already started preparations for his team's inaugural season in the NSL. "Our plans for the future have been laid out," he said. "We probably won't be a force, just look at this year's NSL newcomers, but we definitely won't come last."

One of the biggest reasons for Monaro's success this year has been the new recruits signed by the club. Baz Giampaolo, Tony Brennan, Isaac Farrell, Walter Valeri, Harry Williams and Angelo Ambrosino played a major part in their triumph.

As Pastrello said: "Our club have been astute in their buying this year."

Monaro's only problem has been a lack of depth within their own ranks. Pastrello hastened to mention that he has started negotiations with four well-known Sydney based players.

The home team raced into the lead in the 25th minute through a Walter Valeri penalty after Giampaolo had been fouled in the box.

Valeri pushed Monaro further ahead in the 55th minute scoring once again from the penalty spot after an Avala player had handled the ball.

Harry Williams sealed Avala's fate scoring the home team's winner with a blistering 30 metre drive.

MONARO: Hocking, Domazetovich, Williams, Ambrosino, Santolin, Farrell (Wilke 45), Wilcox, Monterosso, Brennan, Valeri (Colbertaldo 73), Giampaolo.



JOHN SANTOLIN

throughout the season and are deserved semi-finalists.

It was the visitors who opened the scoring in the 20th minute when a volley from Stoddart, after Gray provided the lead-up, gave Canterbury goalkie Lucky Konistis no chance.

Four minutes after the interval Dounnis levelled the score with a confident header and with 14 minutes remaining, defender Glen Laws scored a fine solo goal to give the home team its sixth win of the season.

CANTERBURY: Konistis, Antonopoulos, Andreou, Efthymidis, Hantzis, Laws, Agnastopoulos (Vasiliou 75), Titilas, Dounnis, Hall, Petas.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Hesford, Nelson (Schuman 65), Dal Forno, Terry, Webber, Harrington, Rogers, Stoddart, Gray, Groomie.

ROCKDALE: Linden completed a successful season downing fellow semi-finalists Manly-Warringah 4-2 at Seymour Shaw Park.

After winning promotion into the first division this year, Linden have surprised many sides with their consistent and workmanlike performances.

Rockdale secretary Jim Trajevski hastened to mention that Rockdale's first task in the off-season was to retain coach Ilya Tackac.

"We have had a great season this year and things are looking great for the future."

"We hope to win the competition next year and our first step will be to re-sign coach Ilya Tackac," Trajevski added.

Rockdale stunned the usually reliable Manly defence during the first half and were rewarded with two goals from Nasteviski (9th) and Wilson (30th) minutes.

Manly narrowed the lead in the 62nd when Pagano headed home a Ross Ethrington cross. Nine minutes later the Scasiders levelled the score through former NSW state representative Ross Ethrington.

During the last stages of the game Rockdale asserted their superiority with Jones and Brown scoring in the 85th and 89th minutes respectively.

On a sour note Manly goalkie Chris Cassettari (broken nose) and John Dick (concussion) suffered nasty injuries after colliding in the 70th minute.

ROCKDALE: Kotsahambous, Degney, G. Wilson, D. Wilson, Atanasovski, Slavski, Nasteviski, Jones, Brown, Trajanovski, Risteviski (Yousuph 50).

MANLY: Cassettari, Pierce, S. Dick (Holloway 85), J. Dick (Barker 70), Williamson, Jones, Steven, Ethrington, Pagano, Pances, Stuart.

KU-RING-GAI, a relegation candidate at the beginning of the season, sent Yugal tumbling into the second division after they defeated them 1-0 at Fraser Park.

Luck has been the important factor which has escaped Yugal this season. On a number of occasions they have lost a match by the odd goal. In fact, despite winning only three, drawing seven and losing twelve games, their goal difference is only -6.

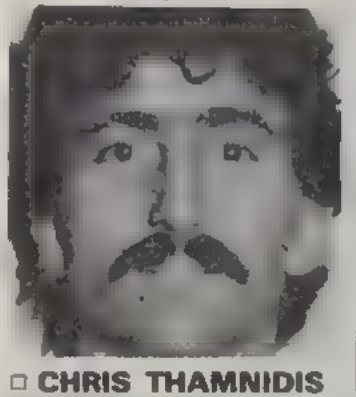
Ku-ring-gai's winner, scored after only three minutes, had a element of luck involved. A free-kick from midfielder Brian Dene took a slight deflection off a Yugal defender and flew past unsighted goalkeeper Peter Berry.

Chris Thamnidis sparked Yugal into attack on a number of occasions but lacked much needed support.

It was Thamnidis who created a great chance for the home team to draw level in the 33rd minute but his low pass across the face of the Ku-ring-gai goal was missed by Zivkovik.

YUGAL: Berry, Marko (Clarke 66), Gibson, Tomasic, Gogic, Coldarevic, Jesic, Zivkovik, Rodas, Tanoski, Thamnidis.

KU-RING-GAI: Avellino, Bennett, Foulas, Jesse, Watson, Quigley, Bourke, Dene, Tracey, Jeffrey, Bass.



CHRIS THAMNIDIS

NSW TABLES

DIV 1 - GDE 1

MONARO	22	15	5	3	61	24	33
Rockdale	22	14	4	4	46	23	32
Manly	22	11	8	2	43	18	30
S'land	22	11	5	6	35	21	27
Auburn	22	8	8	6	17	16	24
K'gai	22	7	7	8	26	32	21
Polonia	22	7	5	10	24	31	19
C-M'vie	22	6	6	10	20	41	18
Avala	22	5	6	11	30	46	16
W'gah	22	5	4	12	24	43	16
B'town	22	5	5	12	23	48	15
YUGAL	22	3	7	12	24	30	13

DIV 1 - GDE 2

K'GAI	22	16	4	2	50	12	36
Manly	22	16	3	3	71	18	35
C-M'vie	22	14	3	5	41	24	31
S'land	22	13	3	6	59	23	29
Auburn	22	11	5	6	40	30	27
Rockdale	22	10	3	9	45	50	23
B'kstown	22	8	2	12	31	36	18
W'gah	22	7	4	11	25	43	18
Avala	22	5	5	12	24	41	15
Monaro	22	6	2	14	22	50	14
Yugal	22	3	4	15	15	63	10
POLONIA	22	2	4	16	21	54	8

DIV 1 - GDE 3

S'LAND	20	14	4	2	51	20	32
Manly	20	15	1	4	50	18	31
C-M'vie	20	13	3	4	43	20	29
Polonia	19	13	1	5	48	20	27
Auburn	20	12	2	6	49	27	26
B'kstown	20	7	2	11	26	31	16
Rockdale	20	7	0	13	22	48	14
Avala	20	5	2	13	22	46	12
Yugal	19	6	0	13	18	47	10
K'gai	20	5	0	15	14	47	12
W'GAH	20	3	3	14	24	53	9

DIV 2 - GDE 1

Fairy M	22	17	2	3	48	18	36
W'gong M	22	15	8	1	42	12	36
Dee Why	22	13	5	4	56	21	31
Bathurst	22	11	8	3	40	20	30
Glad-Hby	22	11	3	8	37	27	25
Norths	22	9	6	7	38	31	24
Blktwn U	21	8	6	7	40	24	22
Rev Wrks	22	8	6	8	30	25	22
Pen Utd	21	5	4	12	29	51	14
Belmore	22	3	6	11	20	43	14
Artarmon	21	4	3	14	29	60	11
NSW Uni	21	3	3	15	16	62	9
Parra City	22	3	2	17	35	66	8

DIV 2 - GDE 2

Blktwn U	21	17	3	1	70	12	37
Rev Wrks	22	11	7	4	46	24	29
Glades	22	12	5	5	41	23	29
Norths	22	11	7	4	40	26	29
Dee Why	22	11	4	7	43	24	26
Fairy M	22	11	4	7	38	24	26

W'gong M	22	9	4	9	41	41	22
Artarmon	21	10	2	9	46	51	22
Pen Utd	21	7	3	11	34	63	17
Bathurst	22	5	3	14	15	47	13
Belmore	22	5	2	15	32	56	10
Parra C	22	3	5	14	27	50	9
NSW Uni	21	4	1	16	11	53	9

DIV 2 - GDE 3

Belmore	22	18	2	2	79	11	38
Blktwn U	21	12	6	3	49	14	30
Pen Utd	21	13	3	5	52	29	29
Norths	22	11	5	6	46	25	27
Bathurst	22	13	1	8	42	26	27
Glades	22	9	9	4	40	15	27
Dee Why	22	8	7	7	29	42	23
Artarmon	21	8	5	8	46	42	21
NSW Uni	21	8	4	9	39	28	20
Parra C	22	8	3	11	30	38	19
Fairy M	22	1	8	13	17	40	10
Rev Wrks	22	3	3	16	14	70	9
W'gong M	22	1	0	21	15	118	2

DIV 3 - GDE 1

C City	22	15	3	4	43	13	33
Q Park	22	13	4	5	52	22	30
Bondi	22	12	5	5	39	25	27
King Tom	22	10	6	6	45	31	26
Mo'bank	22	9	6	7	36	28	24
Pt Hack	22	8	6	6	35	34	24
Nth Ryde	22	8	4	10	29	25	20
B'kham H	22	8	4	10	27	37	20
K'ford	22	7	5	10	30	34	19
Mt Drutt	22	8	3	11	28	40	19
CSI	22	4	7	11	32	57	15
Lane C	22	2	1	19	19	69	5

DIV 3 - GDE 2

C'twn City	22	15	4	3	64	25	34
K'ford	22	15	3	4	61	28	33
Bondi	22	14	4	4	53	18	32
Q Park	22	12	3	7	52	27	27
CSI	22	11	4	7	42	38	27
Nth Ryde	22	10	5	7	40	29	25
M'bank	22	9	4	9	38	28	22
Pt Hack	22	8	3	11	42	44	19
B Hills	22	8	2	12	44	38	18
King Tom	22	7	3	13	38	49	17
Mt Drutt	22	3	3	16	34	63	9
Lane C	22	0	2	20	14	135	2

DIV 3 - GDE 3

B Hills	22	16	8	0	83	12	38
Bondi	22	16	4	2	54	22	36
C'twn City	22	15	5	2	72	19	35
Mt Drutt	22	14	2	6	51	24	30
Pt Hack	22	11	5	6	40	29	27
Q Park	22	8	6	8	34	34	22
M'bank	22	9	4	9	26	46	22
K'ford	22	8	3	11	26	39	19
King Tom	22	7	4	11	24	48	18
Nth Ryde	22	6	0	16	20	74	12
Dee Why	22	3	1	18	12	94	7
Fairy M	22	0	0	22	0	0	0

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION			
Auburn Uruguay	v	B'stown National	0-1 3-1 3-0
SSC Yugal	v	Ku-ring-gai	0-1 1-1 1-0
Rockdale Ilinden	v	Manly Warringah	4-2 0-10 0-5
Inter Monaro	v	Avala	3-0 0-4
Cant-M'ville Oly	v	S'land Shire	2-1 1-0 1-1
Warringah N'bren	v	Polonia	0-3 3-1 9-5
2nd DIVISION			
Glville Hornsby	v	Bathurst 75	3-2 2-1 2-0
Penrith United	v	Belmore	2-2 4-2 1-3
Dee Why Swans	v	Nth Bankstown	3-0 0-2 0-0
Fairy Meadow	v	Glville Hornsby	1-0 0-0 0-0
Revesby W'ks	v	Penrith Utd	0-2 4-1 1-2
Parra City	v	W'gong Mace	0-1 2-1 4-2
Uni of NSW	v	Belmore	1-1 1-5 0-3
Bathurst 75	v	Blacktown Utd	1-1 0-3 1-0
3rd DIVISION			
M'bank L'pool	v	Nth Ryde Amateur	0-0 3-0 nrl
Bondi Marine	v	Kingsford	1-0 0-2 2-0
Port Hacking	v	C'town City	0-0 0-4 1-2
CSI-Schofields	v	King Tomslav	2-3 1-1 1-0
Queens Park E/S	v	Lane Cove Utd	6-0 7-0
Mt Drutt Town	v	Baukham Hills	1-0 0-8 1-1
INTER URBAN 1st DIVISION — SEMI-FINALS			
C'town Gunners	v	Padstow Park	3-0 2-4
Eastwood S/A	v	Wenty Waratahs	1-0 2-4
Rooty Hill	v	Wentworth Park	4-0 1-3
Rooty Hill	v	Wentworth Park	2-1 1-3
2nd DIVISION			
Macarthur Utd	v	H'bury District	4-1 2-4
Chelsea	v	Macquarie Uni	1-2 2-4
West St George	v	Chelsea	2-3 1-3
West St George	v	H'bury District	1-2 1-3
3rd DIVISION			
Dulwich Hill	v	Bl'town Wanderers	1-0 2-4
M F Rangs	v	L'pool City	1-0 2-4
L'pool City	v	Rosebery	1-5 1-3
Dulwich Hill	v	Bl'town Wanderers	2-0 1-3
4th DIVISION			
Concord Juniors	v	Castle Hill	2-1 2-4
Concord Juniors	v	Welcome Sports	1-0 2-4
Welcome Sports	v	Argent Ld/Utd	1-2 1-3
Colo Colo	v	Castle Hill	0-3 1-3
5th DIVISION			
Mace Yagoona	v	Abruzzi	0-2 2-4
Mace Yagoona	v	Abruzzi	0-3 2-4
Greenisland	v	P'sham Lusitanos	0-3 1-3
Greenisland	v	Calabria	2-3 1-3

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CONCERNED FOR SOCCER FUTURE

I AM finally putting pen to paper concerning a matter which has concerned me for quite a few years. The matter relates to the ASF's and Soccer's in general-public relations and promotion of the code in the area of young players.

As you may well be aware in the Riverina area, there is a development officer for both Rugby League and Australian Rules, these men being based in Wagga. I am a school-teacher and in the next few weeks the children at our school will have the opportunity to attend a "superclinic" conducted by up to eight VFL players, as well as the visit of an ex-international Rugby League player for coaching purposes.

The irony of all this is that the most popular football code in the area is Soccer.

Earlier in the year the Sydney Swans conducted an introductory clinic in Junee and presented local schools with sets of jumpers and practise footballs. Children in this area, and most others in the country, have the opportunity to watch Rugby League and Aussie Rules regularly and so have their "heroes" placed in front of them regularly on T.V. and they occasionally have the opportunity to meet them and be coached by them.

My concern is that the powers seem far too complacent about the enormous amount of participation the code enjoys at the junior level of Soccer. It is obvious that if a child is outstanding he will be fostered, encouraged and snapped up by clubs. What amazes me though, is that

the other codes, particularly Aussie Rules, are prepared to put a lot of effort into promoting their code in new areas. How long can Soccer keep up its junior prominence against this onslaught?

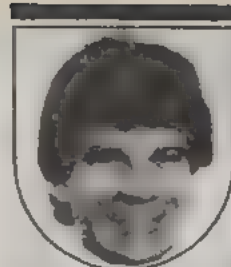
My purpose in writing this letter is to voice my concern and find out what you think can be done to overcome this injustice. My thought as to why this type of promotion hasn't been done on a large scale in the past would be that it hasn't been seen as economically viable.

I get sick and tired of reading and hearing about how Soccer is progressing nationally and internationally. I personally think it is heading in the right direction but it would move there a lot faster if the administration would realise that their greatest resource is by and large being ignored.

The two areas that need to be improved are those that the other codes have realised are the most important for development i.e., provision of personalities and improved coaching.

PERSONALITIES: How many children could tell you much about Australian Soccer and the more successful players? I recall reading something about that in one of your articles. But what can we do about it? I think one reason why promising players are lost to other codes is because there is lack of recognition at top level in Soccer.

COACHING: Having played Soccer for the last 14 years, I am only too aware of the inadequacies faced in many areas in regard to the availability of skilled coaches. The backbone of Soccer in this country is made up, as you are aware, of hundreds of semi-skilled interested players and parents who have had little opportunity to receive



CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN

coaching themselves or even playing experience. Therefore, it would not only be juniors themselves, but their hardworking coaches who would benefit from and appreciate being exposed more regularly to top-level coaches and players.

I fully realise that these concerns have all too often come to your attention. I would therefore be most grateful to hear from you regarding what could be done, or who we could contact to try and improve Soccer in our area and if possible in the country as a whole.

GARY JONES
Junee, NSW

JOHNNY WARREN REPLIES:

AFTER visiting many country areas over the years, particularly this year in the A.C.T., I couldn't agree more with you.

Australian Football and Basketball are very active in promoting and supporting their respective games.

Soccer is not and unless we do something about it shortly, we will not remain the top junior winter sport.

TOUGH TASK FOR FINAL TEAMS

By PETER RUSSELL

NEWCASTLE and Marconi are in the final of the N.Y.L. Cup, but both had to play 120 minutes of gruelling "cup-tie" football to make it. Both semi-finals had to go into extra time before a decision was reached; even then the Marconi — Canberra Arrows clash had to be decided on penalties at the end of extra-time, with Marconi winning 5-3.

The only league encounter of the weekend, a deferred match between Wollongong Wolves and Melita Eagles, was a thriller which ended 3-3.

At the Sydney Athletic Field, the first 90 minutes of the semi-finals between Newcastle Rosebud and Croatia was a dour scoreless battle with both defences on top.

In the first period of extra time, Newcastle took control and started to carve up the tired Croatian defence. TERRY MASON opened the scoring in the third minute of the extra period with a solo effort. Three minutes into the second period MASON was again involved when he set up BILL TONKIN to beat the keeper with an angled shot from 15 metres. Three minutes later, it was all over bar the shouting when MASON volleyed home a rebound from 15 metres off the post.

In the other semi-final at Melita Stadium, between Canberra Arrows and Marconi, it was a nail-biter right to the end. Marconi held on to a narrow one goal lead at the break after DARREN CHAMBERS had headed home in the 25th minute, despite continual pressure from Canberra's attack led by MANIS LAMOND.

Arrows finally levelled the score early in the second half with a JASON DUNNE header, then a short time later went into the lead with a good individual goal by VIC FERNANDEZ junior.

But Marconi managed to grab an equaliser through the tenacity of IAN REID who set it up with a good cross for JOHN CAMBRUN to head home.

The score remained deadlocked until full-time and right through the extra time period which Canberra completely dominated.

Penalty kicks were then taken to decide the winner and Marconi keeper DRAGAN PUPOVAC emerged as his side's hero when he saved two of the Arrows attempts, to make it 5-3 on penalties in favour of Marconi.

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2 - ROBERT HOOKER - Defender, 6.3.67. Robert has already played one full season with the strong Sydney City Youth team and officials of the club rate Robert very highly. A New South Wales U16 representative, he is a strong defender capable of playing at right full-back or sweeper.



3 - PETER ANDREWS - Defender, 5.2.66. Peter spent three months at the Australian Institute of Sport in 1983 and has developed well. He looks frail but is deceptively strong and good in the air, and is a thoughtful and intelligent player. He has been a very consistent performer for Western Australia at U16 and Youth level.



4 - ANDREW BERNAL (captain) - Defender, 16.5.66. Having already spent one full year at the AIS, Andrew is the natural leader of the squad. Over the past three years he has been the backbone of the Australian Capital Territory representative teams, his determined and aggressive play at stopper or sweeper setting a fine example to others.

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BURKE'S MISERY

FOR those players who feel the ball hasn't bounced kindly for them in 1984, spare a thought for Canberra-based player Peter Burke.

The likeable 27-year-old defender moved to Canberra with his wife Lynne and 10-year-old daughter Emma when Newcastle KB went to the wall back in April this year.

And whilst Marconi, Brisbane Lions, Sydney

Croatia and Brisbane City vied for the dominant defender's signature, it was Canberra Arrow's Doug Collins who finally signed Burke.

"I really liked the city of Canberra which offered the most potential for a fresh start for me and my family, and the fact that the Arrows had an English coach also influenced my decision to move to Canberra," says Burke.

So far so good for Burke, who originally came to Australia from Rochdale to join Ken Kaiser's Newcastle KB in January 1983 on a free transfer.

Burke rates his time with Kaiser as the most enjoyable season ever for him.

He was KB's player of the Year in an outstanding season for the club, which was in with a chance of the title right up until the last game when they were beaten by Heidelberg and finally finished fifth in the closest championship race on record.

Then followed KB's historic trip to the United States for Indoor Soccer tournaments.

Burke returned from the trip fully settled in Newcastle and looking forward to a 1984 season with KB, where many fancied them

as one of the few teams capable of pushing Sydney City for this year's title.

But then it all started to go wrong.

KB went to the wall and Burke moved to Canberra, where he immediately impressed all.

But after only four games he broke his leg in three places — in a simple tackle against Penrith in the NSW Cup.

It is no coincidence that Canberra's slide started when Burke broke his leg.

But worse was to follow for Burke.

Wage cut

Newcastle KB's liquidators have slapped a \$15,000 transfer fee on the injured player's head — a fee which Burke is going to test in the NSW Supreme Court.

"When I originally came on a free transfer back in 1983 I was immediately told all the players were taking a 30 per cent cut in wages.

"In 1984, although we played five games for four wins and one draw, I received no match payments, no training money and no signing-on fee," says Burke.



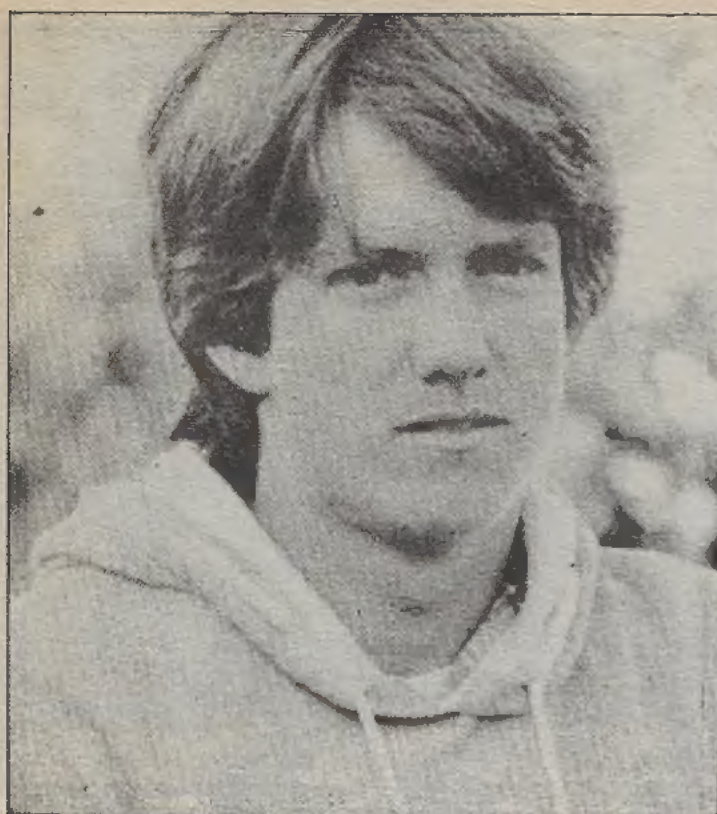
PETER BURKE

"In every respect KB have breached the contract and now they want \$15,000 for me, even though I originally cost nothing from England.

"In England, a player in such circumstances is automatically given a free transfer... why it is different in Australia I don't know," concludes a very disappointed and disillusioned Burke.

With his leg in plaster, his talented secretary wife unable to get a work permit, the pending court case and the host of medical bills, it is hard for Burke to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

One hopes he solves his transfer problem shortly and with the leg out of plaster in three weeks time, 1985 can only be better for Burke, his family and the Canberra Arrows.



□ SCOTT WILSON

YOUNGSTERS GIVE THEM 'KURRI'

THE Northern NSW coalfields are proud of their two Kurri district representatives who were in the Northern NSW squad at the National Under 16 championships at Sydney Athletic Field and St George Stadium.

The boys are Scott Wilson of Stanford Merthyr and Michael Devon of Weston.

Scott, who attends Kurri High School, started playing Soccer four years ago after switching from Rugby League.

Michael, now working, has played Soccer for 10 years and has come through the junior ranks with Weston, Abermain and Kurri.

Both are now with Northern NSW first division club West Wallsend.

Scott and Michael toured



□ MICHAEL DEVON

England and Europe two years ago with a Northern NSW representative team.

Scott is a West Wallsend reserve grader and now has some first grade experience.

Michael, apart from being a reserve grade regular, was in a primary schools hockey team that was runner-up in the State Championship.

His versatility is undoubted as he has represented at State diving titles as well.

But with a background in Soccer in famous NSW Soccer centres, they should have outstanding careers ahead of them.

AUSTRALIAN U16 CHAMPIONSHIP

BIG YEAR FOR STH AUSSIES

BY BRAD EARL

OLYMPIC GAMES gold medallists Dean Lukin, Glynis Nunn and Michael Turtur and the 1984 Australian Under 16 Soccer champions have one thing in common.

They're all from South Australia.

As well, Nunn and Turtur benefitted from the establishment of the South Australian Sports Institute — and the young Soccer players who took out the U16 titles are vying for scholarships at SASI next year.

Under the guidance of SASI Soccer director Mike Wells, the SA team defeated Queensland 1-0 in the final played at St. George Stadium in Sydney.

Queensland, coached by State director of coaching Bruce Stowell, went into the match as favourites, yet the two teams had met on the first day of the tournament for a scoreless result.

Queensland looked the better team in the first half hour, with strikers John Koch and Lindsay Dines causing problems for the SA defence.

However, the dominating South Australian captain and centre-back, Kurt Leitner, often came to his side's rescue when a slip-up would have exposed his goalkeeper.

The vital goal that eventually won the match was scored by SA in the 32nd minute, and capped a period of good play by them.

Scorer was Jimmy Tsialafos, whose shot from the edge of the area was not covered by the Queensland keeper and went low into the bottom corner of the net.

Tsialafos showed that he is an extremely skilful striker, and he combined well up-front with Paul Sanderson.

As they came out for the second half, the SA players must have been preparing for an onslaught from the Queenslanders. And that's what they got.

For the last 25 minutes, the South Aussies were forced back into their own defensive third, but to their credit they resisted the pressure and in fact frustrated the Queenslanders into trying ineffective 30 metre long-shots.

Wells congratulated his side on their all-out effort to hold on for victory.

"Our players gave as much as they could give," he said.

"We had a number of injured and sick players, and so it was a real squad effort in winning the championship."

To get to the final, SA overcame the strong New South Wales side with a 1-0 win, the goal coming from a penalty.

NSW coach Ron Corry lamented the absence through injury of three players in the semi-final.

"We were without our three best strikers — Steve Chilas, Peter Brown and Wayne Levi — for the semi-final, and we only lost on a penalty," Corry said.

The teams that appeared in the final were:

SA: Steve Nisicli (Kon Pazios 79), Ian Dawson, Graham Latham, Kurt Leitner (capt), David Hackston, Con Lipapis, Scott Baird, Tony Gasparetto (Mark Abraham 53), Jim Tsialafos, Paul Sanderson (Sean Murphy 62), Damien Harley.

QLD: Tony Bellino, Cameron Pearce, Dale Dawes, Jim Hermiston (All Catalano 20), Dominic Tonel, Craig McColl (Nigel Mathers 73), Jarrod Austin, Richard Van Win, John Koch, Jason Polak (capt), Lindsay Dines.

RESULTS:

GROUP A: Qld 0 SA 0; NSW 1 WA 0; Qld 3 WA 0; SA 1 NNSW 1; SA 2 WA 1; Qld 1 NNSW 0.

GROUP B: NSW 3 Vic 1; Tas 2 ACT 1; Vic 3 ACT 0; NSW 4 Tas 1; NSW 4 Tas 0; NSW 4 ACT 1; Vic 2 Tas 0.

SEMI — FINALS: Qld 4 Vic 1; SA 1 NSW 0.

LOWER PLACE PLAYOFFS: NNSW 1 ACT 0; WA 5 Tas 2.

PLAYOFF FOR SEVENTH & EIGHTH: ACT 4 Tas 3.

PLAYOFF FOR FIFTH & SIXTH: WA def NNSW 9-8 on penalties (1-1 draw).

PLAYOFF FOR THIRD & FOURTH: NSW def Vic 5-3 on penalties (2-2 draw).

FINAL: SA 1 Qld 0.

VICTORIAN JUNIORS											Clubs	Teams	Players
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				
Melbourne	34	54	80	80	124	130	124	110	80	50	160	876	14016
Ballarat	7	16	14	14	10	12	14	17	10	8	38	122	1952
Swan Hill	12	10	13	12	12	14	16	14	8	12	37	123	1968
Shepparton	10	12	9	8	9	10	8	10	6	10	32	92	1472
Bendigo	9	16	14	14	12	20	24	12	14	10	40	145	2320
Western Dist	6	9	10	12	10	10	7	10	10	10	35	101	1616
Latrobe	22	26	29	30	28	32	38	43	30	20	58	298	1788
TOTAL												1757	28112

VICTORIAN COUNTRY GROWING WELL

THE last available figures for junior players in Victorian country districts indicates a healthy increase over the position just two years ago.

Looking at the number of teams, the latest figures against those of two years ago are: Ballarat 122 (53), Swan Hill 123 (23), Shepparton 92 (33), Bendigo 145 (74), Western District 101 (14), and Latrobe 298 (85).

The Latrobe Valley figures are however somewhat disconcerting. The 298 teams are represented by 1,788 players, which is

six players per team! Something seems to be wrong with the homework.

And at 298 teams, there would be one third of the number of teams of the entire metropolis of Melbourne.

Overall, Victoria claims 28,112 registered juniors, but the table actually adds up to 25,132.

The 1,757 stated teams

is shown as coming from 400 clubs, which is an average of 4.4 teams per club.

The NSW juniors, which includes a fair senior team component as well, averages 13.4 teams per club.

After discarding this all-age component, NSW, which stops north of the Hawkesbury with the start of Northern NSW, has

5,041 teams of juniors.

Northern NSW has

27,972 players and the ACT juniors another 5,000.

Victoria has surpassed NSW in match attendances, but it would be good to see the future assured by bringing quantity as well as the present quality through the junior ranks.

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A Federation spokesman said: "The amount to be provided is not tremendous but it is in accordance with our resources."

"It is a step in the right



direction because improvements must be made in primary schools Soccer."

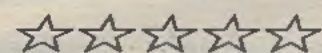
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SOUTH QUEENSLAND 1984 STATE TEAM

BACK ROW (L to R): Fred Robins (coach), M.Sawyers, S.McMahon, K.O'Sullivan, S.Bubeck, J.Millman, K.Millman, Marise Stephens (manageress). MIDDLE ROW: T.Smith, K.Dunlop, L.Hadley, K.Stacey, V.Clayton. FRONT ROW: J.Cumming, S.Monteath (captain), L.Geddes, L.Spencer. ABSENT: J.Dolan, L.Thorn.



LAINIE THORNE of South Queensland scores against ACT in the national titles.

WOMEN'S TITLES REACH THE HALFWAY MARK

CANBERRA is the venue for the 11th national Australian Women's Soccer Championships this year.

Played at Hawker Oval, the series started last Tuesday and continues until Friday, September 7.

The host association, ACT took the field for the first game against Victoria.

With a much more experienced team than last year, Victoria took the lead with a goal by Kate Warren-Smith.

Despite energetic defence from the Canberra side, goals were scored by Warren-Smith, Nicholls and Singleton in a well-put-together 3-1 win.

An enthusiastic Nthn Territory side combined to break up set moves when they played NSW in the second game.

Sensationally, NT took an early lead when captain Ros Solien lofted a ball from near halfway.

Although the NSW keeper, Vicki ("Saf") Salmons, took it cleanly, the linesman ruled that she had stepped back into her goal for an "own-goal."

Despite this early setback, the title holders, NSW, then started a procession which saw Leigh Wardell and Cindy Heydon score two goals each and Rose van Bruinessen and Lynn Olsen one each in a 6-1 lesson.

Game three was a non-event when W.A. and Nthn NSW played an uninspiring 0-0 draw.

WA with nothing new in their line-up, seemed without sparkle.

The only highlight of the match was the goalkeeping efforts of a newcomer from Nthn NSW Debra Bonshore.

In what appeared to be just a training run, Sth Old played Tasmania in the closing game of the day.

Scorers for Sth Old: Thorne two, Spencer and Hadley one each.

The first appearance of the South Australian combination for two years highlighted the second day.

The SA side, a well-drilled outfit, did not allow NSW to display any of the polished movements we have come to expect.

TOP GOAL SCORERS

- 4 — Cindy Heydon (NSW) Renaye Iserief (NSW) Jane Oakley (VIC)
- 3 — Tracey Singleton (Vic) Leigh Wardell (NSW) Laine Thorne (S.Old) Lynne Olsen (NSW)
- 2 — Lynn Geddes (S.Old) Tracey Jenkins (SA) Julie Murray (ACT)

DON BALMAIN'S WOMEN'S SOCCER

It was not until the eighth minute of the first half, with Wardell and Olsen pressing for NSW, that Irish international Teresa McCann belted a ball past SA keeper Johanna Bremert.

Right after the starting whistle for the second half, Cindy Heydon chipped a ball through and, from the scramble around the goal, Margaret Petrov slotted in the second NSW goal.

The game ended at 2-0 for NSW, but the South Australians showed that they can finish well up on the competition table.

The local girls from the ACT took the field against Tasmania in the next game and spent a little time settling down.

Although constantly on the

attack, they squandered scoring shots through over-eagerness.

They settled down in the second half and inside forward Shauna Quirk opened the account with a well-timed shot past Tassie keeper Robinson.

ACT forward Debbie Corcoran ran on to the ball and despatched it into the net to give ACT a 2-0 win.

With a far superior demonstration of skill than has been seen from a Territorian side before, the girls from the Top End took on WA and dominated play in the first half against a lack-lustre combination.

Despite being 0-0 at half-time, Territory showed better skill and were unlucky on sev-

eral occasions.

The WA side is not a patch on any previous production to come out of the West and sorely missed Sandra ("Pee-Wee") Brentnall, who has had to retire through injury.

Australian players Mateljan and Pettitt were the only two to provide any attack and tried hard to get their side going.

The game finished 0-0, with the NT women clearly on top.

Demonstrating on the first day that they were a classy combination, Victoria took on Nthn NSW in the final game of Day Two.

With powerful sweeper Andrea Martin sending the ball through to her eager forwards, Victoria was constantly on the attack in the first half.

They were rewarded just before the interval when Jackie Davey sent in a powerful shot from the right that left promising goalkeeper Bonshore scrambling for the ball.

Shortly after the resumption, Warren-Smith crossed a ball to the flying feet of Victoria's Jane Oakley, who belted it home.

Victoria was always in control and effectively kept powerful Nthn NSW forward Renaye Iserief well under wraps.

Oakley repeated the dose three minutes later with a solo effort, to make it Victoria 3, Nthn NSW 0.

A well-drilled Sthn Queensland side took on the ACT combination to open the play on the third day.

Despite solid defence from the Canberra women, it only took Laine Thorne, the quicksilver centre-forward for Queensland, seven minutes to find the gap and open their account with a solo effort.

Undeterred by this quick goal, the ACT forwards hit back with 14-year-old Julie Murray helping to build up their attack.

Near the end of the first half, Sth Queensland right winger Lyn Geddes stroked the ball past the outstretched hand of ACT keeper Singer.

With enthusiasm running high, the Queenslanders brought off polished moves.

Thorne timed a perfect pass for Geddes to take on the run and slam into the net.

Front-running Victorian forward Jane Oakley had a field day when she led the defeat of Northern Territory.

Although the Territorians defended well, Victoria had the edge on them, being content to consolidate their movements and allow Andrea Martin, the tall sweeper, to send her for-

wards on the rampage with long raking kicks.

Midway through the first half, Oakley unleashed a fiery shot which I doubt the NT keeper Shrumer even sighted.

Just before the break, Elvey blasted in Victoria's second goal.

The Territory had barely time to settle into their positions for the second half when Oakley again took the ball through to mark up goal number three for the Vics.

Just before full-time veteran Victorian Shona Bass scored.

Nthn NSW broke their run of outs when they defeated a fast-improving Tasmanian side.

It was left to bustling forward Renaye Iserief to force her way through the rock-like defence to score the lone goal in the match.

Definitely a shadow of their former strength, WA was on display in the last game of the day against South Australia.

There was very little up front again for their third game and much of the attack and defence was left to long-established

players in the side.

The only goal of the game came when SA forward Tracey

Jenkins fired a strong shot at WA keeper Katrina Robinson.

The ball was parried away by the keeper and Jenkins, who is playing her first series with the SA State side, collected the spilt ball and flipped it into the WA net.

Although Tasmania gave NSW some stiff opposition on the fourth day, the girls from the Waratah State moved ahead with goals in the first and second half.

Sharon Baird started the rush with a goal which whistled in from the right side, and this was followed by a typical Wardell sortie 10 minutes later to bring up the Blues' second goal.

A header from centre-forward Lyn Olsen and a well-executed set-play by Cindy Heydon completed the 4-0 win.

Julie Murray got into the act when ACT scored two goals over NT in the first half of their game.

Dianna Cameron completed the rout by a powerful shot just before the end of the game for ACT to win 3-0.



Susan Monteath

JULIE'S BACK FOR CHINA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

JULIE PORTER, one of Australia's most experienced attacking players, has been belatedly recalled to the Australian women's team to tour China from October 14-24.

Australia's coach, Jim Selby, originally dropped Porter from the Australian squad after the Oceania Cup Tournament, when he announced the China touring squad four weeks ago.

But last week at the national titles in Canberra, Selby reinstated her when he was informed Australia had more matches to play in China than originally planned.

The USA will now also be competing as well as an extra Chinese team which has been added to the tournament to be staged in Xian City.

The powerful blonde striker Porter, formally from NSW, has transferred to the Central Coast of NSW and captains the Northern NSW side from midfield in the national titles in Canberra.

Shocked by her original omission, Julie has come back with a vengeance. Her State coach, Lionel Sneyd said last night: "Julie's experience and driving force has been a wonderful acquisition for NSW."

Selby told ASW: "I am most pleased by Julie's positive attitude with her comeback to form. 'I am taking Julie to China for her utility value as she can slot up front easily or I can pull her back where her distribution and tackling is good value.'"

A settled and more determined Julie Porter, can only help Australia in China.

The Australian squad of 16 for China is: Goalkeepers; Salmon & Jones; Thiele, Van Bruinessen, J and K Millman, Dolan, Porter, Iserief, Pettitt, Mateljan, Monteath, Watts, Heydon, Wardell, Lembrlyk.

South Australia held title contenders Sth Queensland to a 1-1 draw, with South Aussie scoring first in the third minute with Tracey Jenkins whipping in a slashing drive past Kaye O'Sullivan, the Queensland keeper.

Susan Monteath, the S.O.skipper, lofted a ball which floated over the South Australian keeper's head to equalise.

The final game of the day was held in pouring rain which suited Victoria but unsettled the Western Australian forwards.

Tracey Singleton scored first for Victoria when she collected a pass and fired from close range.

Mateljan from the WA side retaliated when she collected a ball from a good corner-kick.

Eight minutes into the second half, Singleton again scored from a corner in atrocious conditions to end the game 2-1 in Victoria's favour.

In the main match of the fifth day, NSW clashed with S. Old, with both teams having trouble getting on top of the greasy conditions.

Midfielder, Cindy Heydon, scored first from a free-kick curved around the wall.

In the second half, midfielder, Julie Dolan scored for S. Old with an identical free-kick.

N.S.W defeated N.T. 5 nil, with Renaye Iserief cracking a spectacular hat-trick. Tineke De Bore and Lisa Dunne adding one apiece.

West Australia broke their "duck" and scored two goals against a luckless Tasmania. Goalscorers were Audrey Williams and Judy Pettitt.

ACT were unlucky not to score in their 2-0 loss to S.A., when 14 year old Julie Murray hit the post three times.

Mary Bratten of South Australia scored first through a goal-line mix up and Sonja Martens, the S.A. skipper, powered through to nail her side's final goal.



JULIE PORTER

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION 1984 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS — CANBERRA

	Tuesday 28/8	Wednesday 29/8	Thursday 30/8	Saturday 1/9	Sunday 2/9	Monday 3/9	Wednesday 5/9	Thursday 6/9	Friday 7/9
10am	ACT-VIC 0-3	NSW-SA 2-0	ACT-SQ 0-2	TAS-NSW 0-4	NT-NNSW 0-5	SQ-WA 1-1	VIC-SA 0-0	WA-ACT 0-0	SA-TAS 0-0
11.45am	NT-NSW 1-6	TAS-ACT 0-2	NT-VIC 0-4	ACT-NT 3-0	WA-TAS 2-0	NNSW-SA 0-1	SQ-NNSW 0-0	VIC-SQ 0-0	NSW-VIC 0-0
1.30pm	NNSW-WA 0-0	WA-NT 0-0	NNSW-TAS 1-0	SQ-SA 1-1	NSW-SQ 1-1	TAS-VIC 0-5	WA-NSW 0-0	SA-NT 0-0	NNSW-ACT 0-0
3.15pm	SQ-TAS 4-0	VIC-NNSW 3-0	SA-WA 1-0	VIC-WA 2-1	ACT-SA 0-2	ACT-NSW 1-2	TAS-NT 0-0	NSW-NNSW 0-0	NT-SQ 0-0
Bye	SA	SQ	NSW	NNSW	VIC	NT	ACT	TAS	WA

SEASON OF TRUTH FACES ZICO

HOW good is Brazil's Zico? That question should be answered in this 1984-85 season when Zico is going to be compared with the world's finest footballers — all of whom are with Italian clubs.

Falcao, Rummenigge, Platini, Maradona — they'll all be competing for the headlines and the big money.

Last season, Zico was pipped by Platini by one goal in the goalscoring charts but he was twice injured, comparatively inactive for two and a half months and missed seven matches.

His club Udinese did not enjoy a great season and this inspired the sale of Causio and Del Cin, two players who formed a clique to control everything. The atmosphere at Udinese

was terrible, with some players refusing to talk to others.

Zico claims the best teams to play for are Juventus or A.S.Roma. He has no intention of returning to Brazil because of the chaotic situation in that country.

His thoughts on two recent Italian imports are interesting: —

• **MARADONA** - has to prove himself as a world star although he won a championship with Boca Juniors. Lacks maturity. Star quality but is like a

time bomb always ready to explode.

• **RUMMENIGGE** — used to be just a good goalscorer but now moves the ball around well and has improved to become excellent player.

Zico likes the Italian crowds. "They love to cheer you, winning or losing, but in Brazil you are always booed when you lose", says Zico.

Brazil's national coach Edu faces problems with all his stars overseas but Zico and the others are guaranteed release for World Cup elimination matches.

Zico is convinced the expatriates will return to Brazil as better players, being highly-tuned from top competition in Italy. "They will dovetail with the local talent without much difficulty", he claims.



ZICO

THE DOPE ON TOP GOALIE!

WHEN England were held to a 0-0 draw by Chile's Olympic squad in Santiago a few weeks ago, most of the credit went to Chilean goalkeeper Roberto Rojas, whose acrobatic saves kept England scoreless.

But Roberto is now in big trouble. He has been charged with using drugs, after failing to get through dope tests carried out on all Chile's Olympic representatives.



LAURIE WANTS POUNDS — NOT PESETAS!

LAURIE CUNNINGHAM, who didn't quite hit things off with Real Madrid, is now playing in France with Marseilles.

But the former West Bromwich Albion winger is still determined to get cash from Real which he claims is owing.

Cunningham joined the

Spanish club for 100,000 pounds sterling per year, although he was paid in Spanish pesetas.

Trouble is, pesetas have skidded down in value.

They are now worth only about 50 per cent of their value when he joined Real.

Cunningham reckons, this cost him 30,000 pounds a year.



KAISER FRANZ CLICKS

AS team manager of West Germany, Franz Beckenbauer is doing a fine job, mainly through persuading top international players NOT to retire.

"The Kaiser" persuaded Felix Magath to make an international comeback and he has now convinced Manny Kaltz that he retired too soon.

West German fans, unhappy about the way the national squad has been coached since 1978, have passed a vote of confidence in Beckenbauer's appointment.

□ **RIGHT: FELIX MAGATH**

TOKYO GAME IS STILL DOUBTFUL

INDEPENDIENTE of Argentina are still talking about pulling out of the December 9 Tokyo fixture against England's Liverpool — to determine the top club side in the world.

There are grave doubts about the wisdom of pitting teams against each other so soon after their nations were at war.

But the Tokyo game is an obvious crowd-puller and Independiente would suffer a big financial loss if they refused to meet Liverpool.

The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

COMEBACK FOR EINAR AAS

EINAR AAS has made an amazing comeback after being told by doctors three years ago that he could never play again.

The Norwegian international was signed by Nottingham Forest in 1981 but played only 21 games before breaking a leg.

The fracture was eventually cured but the player then developed bad groin problems and his career appeared over.

At the time, Forest boss Brian Clough said: "Aas is

a very fine player who will be badly missed by us."

The Norwegian, however, refused to quit and found a doctor in Denmark who has now put him back in business.

Aas is captain of Norwegian team Moss FK and, by an odd coincidence, his club has been drawn against Bayern Munich in

the first round of the Cup Winners Cup.

He was a star defender with Bayern Munich when Nottingham Forest snapped him up.

When Einar Aas leads his team out on to the Olympic Stadium in Munich, he will get a special "welcome home" reception from Bayern fans.

DAY OF SHAME FORGOTTEN

THE Spanish Football Federation has decided to lift all suspensions on the players who turned last season's Cup Final into a sickening exhibition of brutality.

The lifting of suspensions was inspired by

Spain's comparative success in reaching the final of the European Championship in Paris.

The disgraceful scenes at Real Madrid's stadium, watched by the Spanish Royal Family, have now been forgotten and forgiven although, at the time, there was talk of some people getting 12 months

suspensions.

Here's another not very funny joke. ALL Spanish players under suspension have been told they can start the new season untarnished.

In other words, 271 banned players are free to play again... simply because Spain was in the European Championship final.

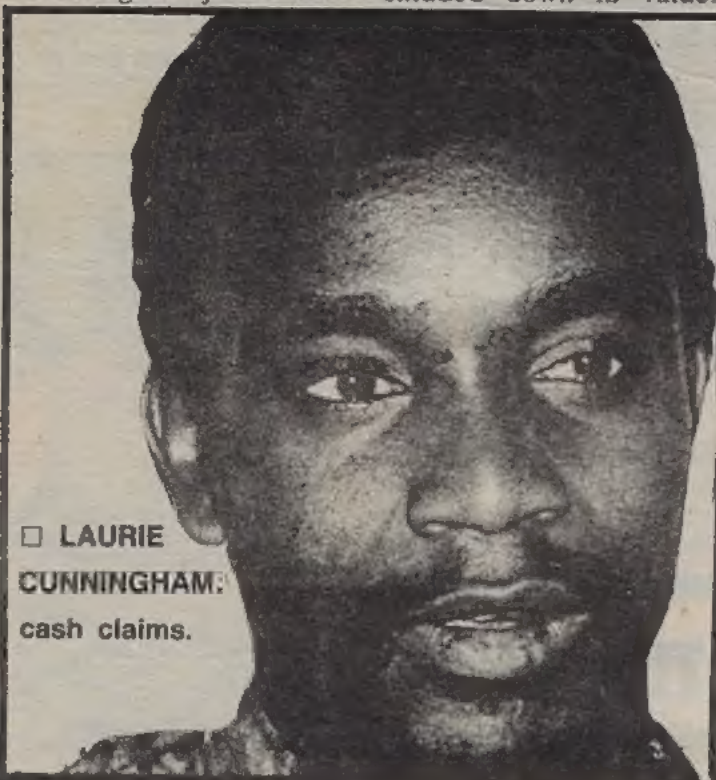
BOOM IN BRAZIL

WOMEN'S Soccer is getting bigger all the time and is now attracting a lot of players in Brazil.

There are 45,000 registered female players in Brazil and they take the game seriously enough to train four nights a week.

As one player said: "Brazilian men are the best players in the world and it is now our aim to have Brazilian women as world leaders also. We want to win the World Cup in Tokyo."

Radar from Rio are the top team. The ladies are now talking about turning professional.



□ **LAURIE CUNNINGHAM:** cash claims.

HUGE CROWD — NO MATCH

BARCELONA, shrugging off the loss of coach Menotti and star player Maradona, are eagerly waiting for the action to begin in the new season.

When new manager Terry Venables and ex-Spurs star Steve Archibald turned up for the first day of training at Nou Camp Stadium, a crowd of 35,000 watched the action.

"That's twice as many as watch first division matches at my old club, Queens Park Rangers," said Venables.

While the critics claim Venables will have a hard time making the grade in Spain, the former QPR boss got off on the right foot with Barcelona's fans.

At the first training session, he delivered a speech to the 35,000. Part of it was in Catalan, north-east Spain's local language!

Venables told the delirious fans: "I want to thank Barcelona for giving me the chance to work at the greatest club in the world".

'GET STUCK IN' ROKER ORDER

SUNDERLAND manager Len Ashurst issued amazing pre-season instructions to his players, virtually encouraging them to break the laws.

And if this upsets referees, it won't worry Ashurst at all.

"In fact, I'll be asking a few questions if they haven't picked up some

bookings," he said.

"I want a few scratched shins and broken noses left

behind. I want, and feel I have got, players who are as committed as I am. If it means scratching shins and breaking noses, this they must do," added the

Roker boss.

This extraordinary outburst is bound to make Ashurst a few enemies among the game's administrators.

They are constantly striving to clean up football and they do not want a first division manager to encourage Rugby League-style thuggery.

ARTHUR CAN HANDLE PRESSURE

FORMER Newcastle United boss Arthur Cox has been put under immediate pressure as Derby County manager.

New chairman Ian Maxwell, in his statement which accompanied his \$800,000 investment in the club, made it very clear that Cox's job was to get Derby County out of the third division in his first season!

No manager in the world can guarantee that sort of instant success, yet Cox says there is no pressure.

As manager of Newcastle, he took that club into the first division... but he did get some help from a player called Kevin Keegan!

Arthur Cox says: "Pressure is not a word I use. People who talk about pressure are the ones who cannot do their jobs. Working with footballers and try-



□ ARTHUR COX

ing to please the public is a positive joy. I can't wait to get to the ground every morning — so don't talk to me about pressure."

CRAZY DEALS AGAIN

GARY LINEKER has played only once for England, as a substitute against Scotland, but the Leicester City forward has been valued as a million pound star by his club.

That's the figure Leicester asked when Spurs made enquiries about buying Lincker.

And it's a figure some people fear could start the sky-high transfer spiral in motion once again.



□ IAN RUSH evades a tackle from Ray Wilkins.

SPURS CLOSE TO RUIN!

MOST people imagine Tottenham Hotspur are one of the wealthiest clubs in England, but few realise the club was in serious financial strife only 18 months ago.

In fact, Spurs faced extinction with debts of \$8,000,000 — easily the

biggest deficit of any club.

Changes in the boardroom brought in young chairman Irving Scholar who decided to sell shares in Spurs and make it a public company. These shares quickly brought in \$7,000,000 and if the sales had continued much more would have flowed in.

Before the money was raised, the directors had to sign personal guarantees with the bank before buying Alan Brazil from Ipswich for \$800,000.

It is the first time the bank has insisted on such guarantees from the great London club.

UPTON PARK SUITS TONY

TONY GALE, West Ham's new defender from Fulham, knows he has a lot to live up to with the Hammers.

He has been compared to Bobby Moore and Billy Bonds, two of West Ham's favourite former stars.

Gale had the choice of two London clubs when he decided to leave Fulham. After talking to West Ham, he had a call from Chelsea, but it was the Hammers' style of football which attracted him.

"If you are a defender who likes to go forward and is comfortable on the ball, West Ham is the ideal place," said Gale.

"They encourage players to express themselves — it's a fabulous move for me."



□ RON ATKINSON: Doc critic.

LIVERPOOL PROBLEMS INCREASE

WITH CRAIG Johnston in Australia, Graeme Souness in Italy and Kenny Dalglish getting no younger, Liverpool had plenty of problems as they set out in defence of their first division title.

And that was BEFORE it was discovered that Ian Rush, their super scorer, had to have a cartilage operation and would be out

for 10 weeks.

The Rush injury, which could cost Liverpool so much, was collected during a friendly fixture in Dublin.

"It's a sickening blow. I was looking forward so much to the start of the season," said the 23 year-old Welsh international.

UNITED BOSS HITS THE DOC

WRITING in the London Daily Mirror, Ron Atkinson, Manchester United's boss, has had a go at Tommy Docherty, now managing Wolves.

Atkinson says The Doc should have concentrated more on the jobs he managed to get after leaving Manchester United — instead of looking back to Manchester in anguish.

Atkinson writes: "One of Docherty's comments still puzzles me to this day — it seems he said that all I ever did was buy good

players. Perhaps he would have been happier if I had bought a few bad ones as well.

"I suspect he has set out to have digs at his United successors. My predecessor Dave Sexton took a bit of flak off The Doc.

"Tommy is great company on a night out. Mind you, I wouldn't like to spend a holiday with him!"

TOP TEAMS AT A TOP PRICE

WEST HAM UNITED fans will have to dig deep into their pockets to watch the glamour teams who visit Upton Park.

West Ham have introduced a surcharge for admittance to six important home matches.

The teams who come expensive are Liverpool, Manchester United, Tottenham, Arsenal, QPR and Chelsea.

Club chief executive Eddie Chapman said: "Prices remain unchanged for all other matches and, of course, season ticket holders will not pay the increase."



□ CHRIS WHYTE

SWITCH FOR WHYTE

CRYSTAL PALACE have signed Arsenal defender Chris Whyte, a player who appeared to have a very bright future a couple of years ago.

Palace paid \$110,000 for Whyte and, at the same time, handed Everton \$53,000 for Scottish forward Alan Irvine.

But this infusion of talent did not persuade Welsh international Peter Nicholas to come off the Palace transfer list.

"Both the newcomers are fine players but too much has happened to make me change my mind," said Nicholas. He has lost the club captaincy but says he will give his all for Palace until a new club comes along.



□ PETER NICHOLAS

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE paid Luton Town \$65,000 for defender Clive Goodyear and rushed him straight in to their first team against Burnley.